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SATYRA I.

Ad MÆCENATEM.

Omnibus, maxime vero avaris, sortem suam gravem esse.

QUI fit, Mæcenas, ut nemo, quam sibi sortem
Seu Ratio dederit, seu Fors objecerit, illa
Contentus vivat; laudet diversa sequentes?
O fortunati mercatores, gravis annis *(a)*
Miles ait, multo jam fractus membra labore.
Contra mercator, navim jactantibus Austris,
Militia est potior. quid enim? concurritur: horæ
Momento cita mors venit, aut victoria læta.
Agricolam laudat juris legumque peritus,
Sub galli cantum consultor ubi ostia pulsat.
Ille, datis vadibus, qui rure extractus in urbem est,
Solos felices viventes clamat in urbe.

(*a*) Armis. *Anon.*

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THE

SATIRES

OF

HORACE.

BOOK I.

SATIRE I.

To MÆCENAS.

That all, but especially the covetous, think their own condition the hardest.

HOW comes it to pass, Mæcenas, that no one lives content with his condition, whether Reason gave it him, or Chance threw it in his way; *but* praises those who have different pursuits? O happy merchants! says the soldier, oppressed with years *and* now broke down in his limbs thro' excess of labour. On the other side, the merchant, when the south-winds toss his ship, *cries* warfare is preferable; for why? The engagement is begun, and in an instant comes there a speedy death, or a happy victory. The lawyer praises the farmer's *state*, when the client knocks at his door by cock-crow. *But* he who, having entered into a recognizance, is dragged from the country into the city, cries those only are happy who

Cætera de genere hoc (adeo sunt multa) loquacem
Delassare valent Fabium. ne te morer, audi
Quo rem deducam. si quis Deus, en ego, dicat,
Jam faciam quod vultis: eris tu, qui modo miles,
Mercator; tu consultus modo, rusticus: hinc vos,
Vos hinc mutatis discedite partibus. eia,
Quid statis? Nolint: atqui licet esse beatis.
Quid causæ est, merito quin illis Jupiter ambas
Iratas buccas inflet, neque se fore posthac
Tam facilem dicat, votis ut præbeat aurem?

Præterea, ne sic *(a)*, ut qui jocularia, ridens
Percurram: (quanquam ridentem dicere verum
Quid vetat? ut *(b)* pueris olim dant crustula blandi
Doctores, elementa velint ut discere prima.
Sed tamen amoto quæramus seria ludo.)
Ille gravem duro terram qui vertit aratro,
Perfidus hic caupo *(c)*, miles, nautæque, per omne
Audaces mare qui currunt, hac mente laborem
Sese ferre, senes ut in otia tuta recedant,
Aiunt, cum sibi sint congesta cibaria: sicut
Parvula (nam exemplo est) magni formica laboris
Ore trahit quodcunque potest, atque addit acervo
Quem struit, haud ignara ac non incauta futuri.
Quæ, simul inversum contristat Aquarius annum,
Non usquam prorepit, et illis utitur ante
Quæsitis *(d)* sapiens: cum te neque fervidus æstus
Demoveat lucro, neque hiems, ignis, mare, ferrum;
Nil obstet tibi, dum ne sit te ditior alter.
Quid juvat immensum te argenti pondus et auri
Furtim defossa timidum deponere terra?

(*a*) Prætero ne sic. *Anon.* (*b*) Et. *Sanad.* (*c*) Causidicus vafer hic. *Markl.* (*d*) Quæsitis patiens.

Quod

live in the city. The other *instances* of this kind (they are so numerous), would weary out the loquacious Fabius *to repeat them.* Not to keep you in suspence, attend to what an issue I will bring this matter. If any God should say, Lo! I will effect what you desire: you that was just now a soldier, shall be a merchant; you *that was* lately a lawyer, *shall be* a farmer. Do ye depart one way, and ye another, having exchanged the parts *you are to act in life.* How now! why do you stand? They are unwilling, and yet it is in their power to be happy. What reason, *then*, can be assigned, but that Jupiter should deservedly distend both his cheeks in indignation, and declare that for the future he will not be so indulgent as to lend an ear to their prayers? But furthermore, that I may not run over this in a laughing manner, like those who *treat* on ludicrous subjects: (tho' what hinders one to be merry and tell the truth? As good-natured teachers at first give cakes to their boys, that they may be willing to learn their first rudiments. However, raillery apart, let us investigate serious matters.) He that turns the lumpish glebe with the hard plough-share, this fraudulent adulterer *of the law*, the soldier, and the sailors, who dauntless run thro' every sea, profess that they endure toil with this intention, that, when old men, they may retire into a secure resting-place, when *once* they have got together a sufficient provision.

Thus the little ant (for she may serve for an example), of great industry, carries with her mouth whatever she is able, and adds to her heap, which she piles up, by no means ignorant of, and not improvident for the future.

Which *ant*, *nevertheless*, as soon as Aquarius saddens the inverted year, never creeps abroad, but wisely makes use of those *stores* which were provided before hand: while neither sultry summer, nor winter, fire, ocean, sword, can drive you from *the pursuit of* gain. You surmount every obstacle, that no other man may be richer than yourself. *But* what pleasure is it for you, anxious to deposit an immense weight of silver and gold in the earth dug up by stealth, *to hide it?*

Quod si comminuas, vilem redigatur ad assem.
At, ni id fit, quid habet pulchri constructus acervus?
Millia frumenti tua triverit area centum;
Non tuus hoc capiet venter plus quam meus: ut si
Reticulum panis venales inter onusto
Forte vehas humero; nihilo plus accipias quam
Qui nihil portarit. vel dic, quid referat intra
Naturæ fines viventi *(a)*, jugera centum, an
Mille aret? at suave est ex magno tollere acervo.
Dum ex parvo nobis tantundem haurire relinquas,
Cur tua plus laudes cumeris granaria nostris?
Ut, tibi si sit opus liquidi non amplius urna,
Vel cyatho; et dicas, Magno de flumine malim
Quam ex hoc fonticulo tantundem sumere. eo fit
Plenior ut si quos delectet copia justo,
Cum ripa simul avulsos ferat Aufidus acer.
At qui tantuli eget, quanto est opus, is neque limo
Turbatam haurit aquam, neque vitam amittit in undis.

At bona pars hominum decepta cupidine falso,
Nil satis est, inquit: quia tanti, quantum habeas, sis.
Quid facias illi? jubeas miserum esse, libenter *(b)*
Quatinus id facit. ut quidam memoratur Athenis
Sordidus ac dives, populi contemnere voces
Sic solitus: populus me sibilat; at mihi plaudo
Ipse domi, simul ac nummos contemplor in arca.
Tantalus a labris sitiens fugientia captat
Flumina—quid rides? mutato nomine, de te
Fabula narratur. congestis undique saccis
Indormis inhians, et tanquam parcere sacris
Cogeris, aut pictis tanquam gaudere tabellis.
Nescis quo valeat nummus, quem præbeat usum?

(*a*) Viventis, *Cunn.* (*b*) Jubeas miserum esse libenter. *Bentl.*

But if you ſhould leſſen it, it may be reduced *in time* to a paltry farthing.

But, unleſs that be the caſe, what beauty has an accumulated hoard? Tho' your thraſhing-floor ſhould yield an hundred thouſand buſhels of corn, your belly will not on that account contain more than mine: juſt as if it was your lot to carry on your loaded ſhoulder the baſket of bread amongſt ſlaves, you would receive no more *for your own ſhare*, than he who bore no part of the burthen. Or tell me, what it is to the purpoſe of that man, who lives within the compaſs of nature, whether he plow an hundred or a thouſand acres?

But it is ſtill delightful to take out of a great hoard.

While you leave us as much to take out of a moderate *ſtore*, why ſhould you extol your *great* granaries, more than our ſmaller repoſitories? As if you had occaſion for no more than a pitcher or glaſs of water; and ſhould ſay, I had rather draw *ſo much* from a great river, than the ſame water from this little fountain. Hence it comes, that the rapid Aufidus carries away together with the bank, ſuch as an abundance more copious than is juſt delights. But he who deſires *only* ſo much as is ſufficient, neither drinks *his* water fouled with mud, nor loſes his life in the waves. But a great majority of mankind, miſled by depraved deſire, cry, No ſum is enough: becauſe you are eſteemed in proportion to what you poſſeſs. What can one do to *ſuch a tribe as this? Why*, bid them be wretched, ſince their inclination prompts them to it. As a certain perſon is recorded *to have lived* at Athens, covetous and rich, who was wont to deſpiſe the talk of the people in this manner: The croud hiſs me *abroad*; but I applaud myſelf at home, as ſoon as I contemplate my money in my cheſt. The thirſty Tantalus catches at the ſtreams that elude his lips. Why do you laugh? The name changed, the tale is told of you. You ſleep upon your bags, heaped up on every ſide, *avidiouſly* gaping over them, and are obliged to abſtain from them, as if they were conſecrated things, or to amuſe yourſelf with them, as you would with pictures. Are you ignorant of what *real* value money is, what uſe it

Panis ematur, olus, vini sextarius; adde,
Queis humana sibi doleat natura negatis.
An vigilare metu exanimem, noctesque diesque
Formidare malos fures, incendia, servos,
Ne te compilent fugientes; hoc juvat? horum
Semper ego optarim pauperrimus esse bonorum.
At si condoluit tentatum frigore corpus,
Aut alius casus lecto te *(a)* affixit; habes qui
Assideat, fomenta paret, medicum roget, ut te
Suscitet, ac reddat gnatis carisque propinquis?
Non uxor salvum te vult, non filius; omnes
Vicini oderunt, noti, pueri, atque puellæ.
Miraris, cum tu argento post omnia ponas,
Si nemo præstet, quem non merearis, amorem?
Atqui *(b)* cognatos nullo natura labore
Quos tibi dat, retinere velis, servareque amicos;
Infelix operam perdas: ut si quis asellum
In campo doceat parentem currere frenis.
Denique sit finis quærendi: cumque habeas plus,
Pauperiem metuas minus; et finire laborem
Incipias, parto quod avebas: nec facias quod
Umidius quidam *(c)* (non longa est fabula) dives
Ut metiretur nummos, ita sordidus, ut se
Non unquam servo melius vestiret; ad usque
Supremum tempus, ne se penuria victus
Opprimeret, metuebat: at hunc liberta securi
Divisit medium, fortissima Tyndaridarum.

(*a*) Lecto te affixit. (*b*) An si cognatos. (*c*) Umidius, qui tam. *Bentl.*

Quid

can afford? Bread, herbs, a * bottle of wine, may be purchased *with it*; to which *neceſſaries* add *ſuch others* as being with-held, human nature would be uneaſy with itſelf. What, to watch, half dead with terror, night and day, to dread profligate thieves, fire, *and your* ſlaves, leſt they ſhould run away and plunder you; is this delightful? *As for me*, I ſhould always wiſh to be very poor in poſſeſſions held upon theſe terms.

But if your body ſhould be diſordered by being ſeized with a cold, or any other caſualty ſhould confine you to your bed; you have one that will abide by you, prepare medicines, intreat the phyſician that he would raiſe you to your feet, and reſtore you to your children and dear relations.

Nor your wife, nor your ſon, deſires your recovery; all your neighbours, acquaintance, *nay the very* boys and girls, hate you. *And* do you wonder, that no one tenders you the affection, which you by no means merit, ſince you prefer your money to every thing elſe? But if you think to retain, and preſerve for your friends, the relations which nature gives you, without taking any pains; wretch that you are, you loſe your labour equally, as if any one ſhould train an aſs to be obedient to the rein *and* run in the Campus Martius. At laſt, let there be ſome end to your ſearching *after riches:* and ſince you have more *than enough*, be in leſs dread of poverty; and begin to ceaſe from your toil, that being acquired which you coveted: nor do as did one Umidius, 'tis no tedious ſtory, who was ſo rich he meaſured his money, *but* ſo ſordid that he never cloathed himſelf any better than a ſlave; *and*, even to his laſt moments, was in dread leſt want of bread ſhould ſtarve him: but his freed-woman, the † braveſt of all the daughters of Tyndarus, cut him in two with a hatchet.

* Sextarius, *which is here rendered a bottle, was about a pint and half our meaſure.*

† Helen *and* Clytemneſtra, *the daughters of* Tyndarus, *killed their huſbands,* Deiphobus *and* Agamemnon, *with this weapon.*

Quid mi igitur ſuades? ut vivam Mænius? aut ſic
Ut Nomentanus? Pergis pugnantia ſecum
Frontibus adverſis componere. non ego avarum
Cum veto te fieri, vappam jubeo ac nebulonem.
Eſt inter Tanaim quiddam, ſocerumque Viſelli:
Eſt modus in rebus; ſunt certi denique fines,
Quos ultra citraque nequit conſiſtere rectum.

Illuc, unde abii, redeo. nemon' ut avarus
Se probet, ac potius laudet diverſa ſequentes?
Quodque aliena capella gerat diſtentius uber
Tabeſcat? neque ſe (a) majori pauperiorum
Turbæ comparet? hunc atque hunc ſuperare laboret?
Sic feſtinanti ſemper locupletior obſtat:
Ut cum carceribus miſſos rapit ungula currus;
Inſtat equis auriga ſuos vincentibus, illum
Præteritum temnens extremos inter euntem.
Inde fit, ut raro, qui ſe vixiſſe beatum
Dicat, et exacto contentus tempore, vita
Cedat, uti conviva ſatur, reperire queamus.

Jam ſatis eſt: ne me Criſpini ſcrinia Lippi
Compilaſſe putes, verbum non amplius addam.

(a) Neque ſe meliori.

SATYRA

What therefore do you perſuade me to? That I ſhould lead the life of a * Mænius? Or in ſuch a manner as a Nomentanus?

You are going *now* to make things tally, that are contradictory in their natures. When I bid you not be a miſer, I do not order you to become a ſpendthrift and a prodigal. There is ſome difference, *ſure*, between the caſe of † Tanais and his ſon-in-law Viſellius: there is a mean in *all* things; finally there are certain boundaries, on either ſide of which *moral* rectitude cannot exiſt. *But* I return now from whence I digreſſed. Can no one, after the miſer's example, like his own ſtation, but muſt rather praiſe thoſe who have different purſuits? And pine becauſe his neighbour's ſhe-goat bears a more diſtended udder? Nor conſider himſelf in relation to the greater multitude of poor? *But* labour to ſurpaſs, *firſt* one, and *then* another? Thus the richer man is always an obſtacle to one that is haſtening *to be rich:* as when the courſer whirls along the chariot, diſmiſſed from the place of ſtarting, the charioteer puſhes at thoſe horſes that outſtrip his own, deſpiſing him that is left behind coming on amongſt the laſt. Hence it is, that we rarely find a man, who can *truly* ſay he has lived happy, and content with his paſt life, can retire from the world, like a ſatisfied gueſt. *But what: I've ſaid* at preſent is ſufficient: nor will I add one word more, leſt you ſhould ſuſpect that I have plundered the 'ſcrutore of the bleareyed ‡ Criſpinus.

* Mænius *and* Nomentanus, *two infamous prodigals.*

† Tanais *and* Viſellius, *two perſons labouring under diſorders of very oppoſite natures.*

‡ *A voluminous ſcribler.*

SATYRA II.

Improbos, dum vitia quædam declinant, in contraria incidere.

Ambubaiarum collegia, pharmacopolæ,
Mendici, mimæ, balatrones; hoc genus omne
Mœstum ac solicitum est cantoris morte Tigelli:
Quippe benignus erat. contra hic, ne prodigus esse
Dicatur, metuens, inopi dare nolit amico,
Frigus quo duramque famem depellere possit.
Hunc si perconteris, avi cur atque parentis
Præclaram ingrata stringat malus ingluvie rem,
Omnia conductis coemens obsonia nummis;
Sordidus, atque animi quod parvi nolit haberi,
Respondet: laudatur ab his, culpatur ab illis.
Fusidius vappæ famam timet ac nebulonis,
Dives agris, dives positis in fenore nummis.
Quinas hic capiti mercedes exsecat; atque
Quanto perditior quisque est, tanto acrius urget:
Nomina sectatur, modo sumta veste virili
Sub patribus duris, tironum maxime, quis non,
Jupiter, exclamat, simul atque audivit? At in se
Pro quæstu sumtum facit. Hic? vix credere possis:
Quam sibi non sit amicus: ita ut pater ille, Terenti
Fabula quem miserum gnato vixisse fugato
Inducit, non se pejus cruciaverit atque hic.
Si quis nunc quærat, Quo res hæc pertinet? illuc:
Dum vitant stulti vitia, in contraria currunt.
Malthinus tunicis demissis ambulat; est qui

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SATIRE II.

Bad men, when they avoid certain vices, fall into their oppoſite extremes.

THE tribes of minſtrels, quacks, ſtrollers, mimics, blackguards; all this ſet is ſorrowful and dejected on account of the death of the ſinger Tigellius: for he was liberal *towards them*. On the other hand, this man, dreading to be called a ſpendthrift, won't give a poor friend *even* wherewithal to keep off cold and pinching hunger. *But* if you aſk him why he wickedly conſumes the noble eſtate of his grandfather and father in taſteleſs gluttony, buying with borrowed money all ſorts of dainties; he anſwers, becauſe he is unwilling to be reckoned ſordid, or *a man* of a mean ſpirit: *for this* he is praiſed by ſome, *and* condemned by others. Fufidius, wealthy in land, wealthy in money put out at intereſt, is afraid of having the character of a rake and ſpendthrift. This *fellow* deducts 5 *per cent.* intereſt from the principal *at the time of lending*; and the more deſperate in his circumſtances any one is, the more ſeverely he pinches *him*: he hunts out the names of young fellows that have juſt put on the * toga virilis under rigid fathers. Who does not cry out, O ſovereign Jupiter! when he has heard of *ſuch knavery*? But *you'll ſay, perhaps*, this man expends upon himſelf in proportion to his *immenſe* gain. *What* he? You can hardly believe how little a friend he is to himſelf: inſomuch as that † father, whom Terence's comedy introduces as living miſerable after he had cauſed his ſon to run away from him, did not torment himſelf worſe than he. Now, if any one ſhould aſk, to what *purpoſe* does this mattter tend? *I anſwer* to this; *namely*, while fools ſhun *one ſort of* vices, they fall upon their oppoſite extremes. Malthinus walks with his garments trailing upon the ground; there is *another* droll fellow

* *The* Roman *youths put on the* toga virilis, *or manly gown, at about ſeventeen.*

† Menedemus, *in the* Heautontimorumenos.

Inguen ad obſcœnum ſubductis uſque facetus:
Paſtillos Rufillus olet, Gorgonius hircum.
Nil medium eſt. ſunt qui nolint tetigiſſe, niſi illas,
Quarum ſubſuta talos tegat inſtita veſte:
Contra, alius nullam, niſi olenti in fornice ſtantem.
Quidam notus homo cum exiret fornice; Macte
Virtute eſto, inquit ſententia dia Catonis.
Nam ſimul ac venas inflavit tetra *(a)* libido;
Huc juvenes æquum eſt deſcendere, non alienas
Permolere uxores. Nolim laudarier, inquit,
Sic me, mirator cunni Cupiennius albi.

Audire eſt operæ precium, procedere recte
Qui mœchis non vultis, ut omni parte laborent;
Utque illis multo corrupta dolore voluptas,
Atque hæc rara, cadat dura inter ſæpe pericla.
Hic ſe præcipitem tecto dedit: ille flagellis
Ad mortem cæſus: fugiens hic decidit acrem
Prædonum in turbam: dedit hic pro corpore nummos:
Hunc perminxerunt calones: quin etiam illud
Accidit, ut cuidam teſtes caudamque ſalacem
Demeteret ferrum. jure omnes: Galba negabat.

Tutior at quanto merx eſt in claſſe ſecunda!
Libertinarum dico: Salluſtius in quas
Non minus inſanit quam qui mœchatur. at hic ſi,
Qua res, qua ratio ſuaderet, quoque modeſte
Munifico eſſe licet, vellet bonus atque benignus
Eſſe; daret quantum ſatis eſſet, nec ſibi damno
Dedecorique foret. verum hoc ſe amplectitur uno;
Hoc amat, et laudat: matronam nullam ego tango.

(*a*) Tenta. *Anon.*

who *goes* with them tucked up even to his middle: Rufillus ſmells like perfume itſelf, *but* Gorgonius like a he-goat. *In fine*, there is no mean *obſerved*. There are ſome who would not for the world keep company with a lady, unleſs her modeſt garment perfectly conceal her feet. * Another, again, will only have ſuch as take their ſtation in a ſtinking brothel. When a certain noted ſpark came out of a baudy-houſe; the divine Cato *greeted* him with this ſentence, Proceed (ſays he) in your virtuous courſe. For when once foul luſt has inflamed the veins, 'tis right for young fellows to come hither, in compariſon of their having to do with other mens wives. I ſhould not be willing to be commended on ſuch terms, ſays Cupiennius, an admirer of the ſilken veil.

Ye that do not wiſh well to the proceedings of adulterers, it is worth your while to attend how they are hampered on all ſides; and that their pleaſure, which happens to them but ſeldom, is interrupted with a great deal of pain, and often in the midſt of very great dangers. One has thrown himſelf headlong from the top of a houſe: another has been whipt almoſt to death: a third, in his flight has fallen into a mercileſs gang of thieves: another has paid a fine, to *avoid* corporal puniſhment: the loweſt ſervants have treated another with the vileſt indignities. Moreover, this misfortune happened to a certain perſon, he entirely loſt his manhood. 'Every body ſaid it was with juſtice: *but* Galba denied it.

But how much ſafer is the traffic amongſt *women* of of the ſecond rate! I mean the freed women: after which Salluſtius is not leſs mad, than he who commits adultery. But if he had a mind to be good and generous *to them*, as far *only* as his eſtate and reaſon would direct him, and as far as man might be liberal with moderation; he would give a ſufficiency, not what would bring upon himſelf *at once* ruin and infamy. However, he hugs himſelf in this one *conſideration*; this he delights in, this he extols: I meddle with no

* Horatium in quibuſdam nolim interpretari. *Quintilian.*

matron.

Ut quondam Marſæus amator Originis; ille,
Qui patrium mimæ donat fundumque laremque,
Nil fuerit mi, inquit, cum uxoribus unquam alienis.
Verum eſt cum mimis, eſt cum meretricibus: unde
Fama malum gravius, quam res, trahit. an tibi abunde
Perſonam ſatis eſt, non illud, quidquid ubique
Officit, evitare? bonam deperdere famam,
Rem patris oblimare, malum eſt ubicunque. quid intereſt in matrona, ancilla, peccefve togata?

Villius in Fauſta Sullæ gener (hoc miſer uno
Nomine deceptus) pœnas dedit uſque ſuperque
Quam ſatis eſt, pugnis cæſus, ferroque petitus,
Excluſus fore; cum Longarenus foret intus.
Huic ſi, mutonis verbis, mala tanta *(a)* videnti
Diceret hæc animus: quid vis tibi? nunquid ego a te
Magno prognatum depoſco conſule cunnum,
Velatumque ſtola, mea cum conſerbuit ira?
Quid reſponderet? Magno patre nata puella eſt.
At quanto meliora monet, pugnantiaque iſtis
Dives opis natura ſuæ! tu ſi modo recte
Diſpenſare velis, ac non fugienda petendis
Immiſcere. tuo vitio, rerumne labores,
Nil referre putas? quare, ne pœniteat te,
Deſine matronas ſectarier: unde laboris
Plus haurire mali eſt, quam ex re decerpere fructus.
Nec magis huic inter niveos virideſque lapillos
(Sic licet hoc, Cerinthe, tuum) tenerum eſt femur, aut crus
Rectius; atque etiam melius perſæpe togatæ.
Adde huc, quod mercem ſine fucis geſtat; aperte

(a) Mala tanta videntis.

Quod

matron. Juſt as Marſæus, the lover of the *courtezan* Origo; he who gives his paternal eſtate and ſeat to an actreſs, *and then* ſays, I never had any thing to do with other mens wives. But you have with actreſſes, you have with common ſtrumpets: from whence your reputation derives a greater perdition than your eſtate. What, is it abundantly ſufficient to avoid the perſon *merely*, and not that *vice* which is univerſally noxious? To loſe one's good name, to ſquander a father's effects, is in every reſpect an evil. What is the difference, *then, with regard yourſelf*, whether you ſin with the perſon of a matron, a maiden, or a proſtitute?

Villius, the ſon-in-law of Sylla, *(for it was* by this title he was miſled) ſuffered *for his commerce* with Fauſta an adequate, and more than adequate puniſhment, by being drubbed and ſtabbed, while he was ſhut out, that the *ſcroundrel* Longarenus might enjoy her within. *Suppoſe* this *young man*'s mind had addreſſed him in the words of his appetite, ſenſible of ſuch evil conſequences: what would you have? Did I ever, when my ardour was at the higheſt, demand a woman deſcended from a great conſul, and covered with robes of quality? What could he anſwer *to this? Why*, the girl was ſprung from an illuſtrious father. But how much better things, and how different from this, does nature, abounding in ſtores of her own, recommend! if you would only make a proper uſe of them, and not confound what is to be avoided, with that which is deſirable. Do you think it is of no conſequence, whether your diſtreſs ariſes from your own fault, or from *a real deficiency* of things? Wherefore, that you may not repent *when it is too late*, put a ſtop to your purſuit after matrons: from whence more trouble is derived, than you can obtain enjoyment, *even* from the accompliſhment of the affair. Nor has *this particular matron*, amidſt her pearls and emeralds, a ſofter breaſt, or limbs more delicate, (tho' this be *a notion* of your's, Cerinthus,) *than a courtezan*; nay, the proſtitutes are frequently preferable *in theſe reſpects*. Add to this, that *the proſtitute* bears about her merchandiſe

Quod venale habet, oſtendit; nec, ſi quid honeſti eſt,
Jactat, habetque palam, quærit quo turpia celet.
Regibus hic mos eſt; ubi equos mercantur, apertos
Inſpiciunt: ne, ſi facies (ut ſæpe) decora
Molli fulta pede eſt, emtorem inducat *(a)* hiantem,
Quod pulchræ clunes, breve quod caput, ardua cervix.
Hoc illi recte. ne corporis optima lynceis
Contemplere oculis; Hypſæa cæcior, illa
Quæ mala ſunt, ſpectes. O crus, O brachia Verum
Depygis, naſuta, brevi latere, ac pede longo eſt.
Matronæ, præter faciem, nil cernere poſſis,
Cætera, ni Catia eſt, demiſſa veſte tegentis.
Si interdicta petes, vallo circumdata, (nam te
Hoc facit inſanum) multæ tibi tum officient res:
Cuſtodes, lectica, ciniſlones, parafitæ,
Ad talos ſtola demiſſa, et circumdata palla:
Plurima, quæ invideant pure apparere tibi rem.
Altera nil obſtat: Cöis tibi pene videre eſt
Ut nudam; ne crure malo, ne ſit pede turpi:
Metiri poſſis oculo latus. an tibi mavis
Inſidias fieri, preciumque avellier, ante
Quam mercem oſtendi? Leporem venator, ut alta

(*a*) Ducat. *Bentl.*

chandiſe without any varniſh, *and* openly ſhews what ſhe has to diſpoſe of; nor, if ſhe has ought more comely than ordinary, does ſhe boaſt and make an oſtentation of it, *while* ſhe is induſtrious to conceal that which is offenſive. This is the cuſtom with men of fortune; when they buy horſes, they inſpect them uncovered: that if a beautiful fore-hand (as it often *happens)* be ſupported by a tender hoof, it may not take in the buyer, eager for the bargain, becauſe the back is handſome, the head little, and the neck ſtately. Thïs they do judiciouſly. Do you, *therefore, in the ſame manner* contemplate the perfections of each *fair-one's* perſon with the eyes of * Lynceus: *but* be blinder than † Hypſæa, when you ſurvey ſuch parts as are deformed. *You may cry out,* O what a *handſome* leg! O what *delicate* arms! but *you muſt ſuppreſs* that ſhe is low-hip'd, ſhort-waiſted, with a long noſe, and a ſplay-foot. A man can ſee nothing but the face, of a matron, who carefully conceals her other charms, unleſs it be a Catia. But if you will ſeek after *forbidden charms*, (for the *circumſtance of their being forbidden* makes you mad after them), ſurrounded as they are with a fortification, many obſtacles will then be in your way: ſuch as guardians, the ſedan, dreſſers, paraſites, the long robe hanging down to the ancles, and covered with an upper garment: *in ſhort, there will be* a multiplicity of circumſtances, which will hinder you from having a fair view. The ‡ other throws no obſtacles in your way: thro' the ſilken veſt you may diſcern her almoſt as well as if ſhe was naked; that ſhe have neither a bad leg, nor a diſagreeable foot, you may ſurvey her perfectly with your eye. Or would you chuſe to have a trick put upon you, and your money extorted, before the goods are ſhewn you? *But perhaps you'll ſing to me theſe verſes out of Callimachus,* As the huntſman purſues the hare in the deep ſnow,

* *One of the* Argonauts, *ſo ſharp-ſighted, that he was fabled to ſee at the diſtance of one hundred and thirty miles.*

† *A lady of the* Plautian *family remarkable for bad eyes—or perhaps injudicious in the choice of her lovers.*

‡ *The courtezan.*

but

In nive ſectatur, poſitum ſic tangere nolit:
Cantat, et apponit: meus eſt amor huic ſimilis; nam:
Tranſvolat in media poſita, et fugientia captat.
Hiſcene verſiculis ſperas tibi poſſe dolores,
Atque æſtus, curaſque graves, e pectore *(a)* pelli?
Nonne, cupidinibus *(b)* ſtatuat natura modum quem,
Quid latura, ſibi quid ſit dolitura negatum,
Quærere plus prodeſt, et inane abſcindere ſoldo?
Num, tibi cum fauces urit ſitis, aurea quæris
Pocula? num eſuriens faſtidis omnia præter
Pavonem rhombumque? tument tibi cum inguina, num, ſi
Ancilla, aut verna eſt præſto puer, impetus in quem
Continuo fiat, malis tentigine rumpi?
Non ego: namque parabilem amo venerem facilemque.
Illam: poſt paulo, ſed pluris, ſi exierit vir,
Gallis: hanc, Philodemus ait, ſibi, quæ neque magno
Stet precio, neque cunctetur, cum eſt juſſa, venire.
Candida rectaque ſit, munda hactenus, ut neque longa
Nec magis alba velit, quam det natura, videri.
Hæc ubi ſuppoſuit dextro corpus mihi lævum,
Ilia et Egeria eſt: do nomen quodlibet illi.
Nec vereor, ne, dum futuo, vir rure recurrat;
Janua frangatur; latret canis; undique magno
Pulſa domus ſtrepitu reſonet; *(c)* ne pallida lecto
Deſiliat mulier; miſeram ſe conſcia clamet;
Cruribus hæc metuat, doti deprenſa, egomet mi.

(*a*) E pectore tolli. (*b*) Nonne cupidinibus ſtatuit. (*c*) Ve pallida lecto.

Diſ-

but disdains to touch it when it is placed before him. Thus sings the rake, and applies it to himself: my love is like to this, for it passes over *with contempt* an easy prey, and pursues what flies from it. *But* do you hope that grief, and uneasiness, and bitter anxieties, will be expelled from your breast by such verses as these? Would it not be more profitable to enquire what boundary nature has affixed to the appetites, *namely*, what she can patiently do without, and what she would lament the deprivation of, and *by this means* separate what is solid from what is vain? What! when thirst parches your jaws, are you solicitous for golden cups to drink out of? What! when you are hungry, do you despise every thing but peacock and turbot? *And* when your passions are inflamed, and a common gratification is at hand, would you rather be consumed with desire, than possess it? *If you would*, I would not: for I love such pleasures as are of easiest attainment. But she whose language is, "by and by," "but for a small matter more," "if my husband should be out of the way," *is only* for petites maitres: and for himself, Philodemus says he chuses her, who neither stands for a great price, nor delays to come when she is ordered. Let her be fair and straight, and so far decent as not to appear desirous of seeming fairer than nature has made her. When I am in the company of such an one, *says he*, she is my Ilia and Egeria: *in short*, I give her any *tender* name. Nor am I apprehensive, while I am in her company, lest her husband should return from the country; the door should be broke open; the dog should bark; the house shaken should resound on all sides with a great noise; lest the woman, pale *with fear*, should bound away from me; lest the maid, conscious *of guilt*, should cry out, she is undone; lest she should be in apprehension for her limbs, the detected *wife* for her portion, *and* I for myself: lest I must run away with my cloaths all loose,

and

Discincta tunica fugiendum est, ac pede nudo;
Ne nummi pereant, aut pyga, aut denique fama.
Deprendi miserum est: Fabio vel judice vincam.

SATYRA III.

In amicorum vitiis connivendum, neque peccata omnia in scelerum numero ponenda.

OMNIBUS hoc vitium est cantoribus, inter amicos
Ut nunquam inducant animum cantare rogati;
Injussi nunquam desistant. Sardus habebat
Ille Tigellius hoc. Cæsar, qui cogere posset,
Si peteret per amicitiam patris, atque suam, non
Quidquam proficeret: si collibuisset, ab ovo
Usque ad mala *(a)* citaret, Io Bacche, modo summa
Voce, modo hac, resonat quæ chordis quatuor ima.
Nil æquale homini fuit illi: sæpe velut qui
Currebat fugiens hostem: pærsæpe velut qui
Junonis sacra ferret: habebat *(b)* sæpe ducentos,
Sæpe decem servos: modo reges atque tetrarchas,
Omnia magna loquens; modo: sit mihi mensa tripes, et
Concha salis puri, et toga, quæ defendere frigus,
Quamvis crassa, queat. decies centena dedisses
Huic parco, paucis contento; quinque diebus

(*a*) Iteraret, Io Bacche. (*b*) Alebat. *Bentl.*

Nil

and bare-footed, for fear my money, or my perſon, or, finally, my character, ſhould be demoliſhed. It is a dreadful thing to be catched: I could prove this, even if * Fabius was the judge.

SATIRE III.

We ought to connive at the faults of our friends, and all faults are not to be ranked in the catalogue of crimes.

THIS is a fault common to all ſingers, that amongſt their friends they never are inclined to ſing when they are aſked, *out* unrequeſted they never deſiſt. Tigellius, that *ſinger* of Sardinia, had this *fault*. Had Cæſar, who could have forced him to compliance, beſought him on account of his father's friendſhip, and his own, he would have had no ſucceſs: *but* if he *himſelf* was diſpoſed *to ſing*, he would chant † Io Bacche over and over, from the ‡ beginning of an entertainment to the very concluſion of it; one while at the higheſt pitch of his voice, at another time with that which anſwers to the deepeſt ſtring of the tetrachord. There was nothing uniform in that fellow: frequently would he run along, as one flying from an enemy; more frequently *he walked* as if he bore *in proceſſion* the ſacrifice of Juno: he had often two hundred ſlaves, *and* often *but* ten; one while talking of kings and potentates, *and* every thing that was magnificent; at another, "Let me have *only* a "three-legged table, and a ſeller of clean ſalt, and a "gown, which, tho' coarſe, may be ſufficient to keep "out the cold." Had you given ten hundred thouſand ſeſterces to this moderate man, who was content with ſuch ſmall matters, in five days time there would

* *An eminent lawyer, who had himſelf been detected in a frolic of this nature.*

† *The two initial words of ſome drinking ſong, from which the whole took its appellation.*

‡ *From the egg to the apple, the former of which was ſerved up at the opening, the latter at the concluſion of the feaſt.*

Nil erat in loculis. noctes vigilabat ad ipsum
Mane: diem totum stertebat. nil fuit unquam
Sic impar sibi. nunc aliquis dicat mihi, Quid tu?
Nullane habes vitia? Imo alia, et *(a)* fortasse minora.

Mænius absentem Novium cum carperet: heus tu,
Quidam ait, ignoras te? an ut ignotum dare nobis
Verba putas? Egomet mi ignosco, Mænius inquit.
Stultus et improbus hic amor est, dignusque notari.
Cum tua *(b)* prævideas oculis mala lippus inunctis;
Cur in amicorum vitiis tam cernis acutum,
Quam aut aquila, aut serpens Epidaurius? at tibi contra
Evenit, inquirant vitia ut tua rursus et illi.
Iracundior est paulo: minus aptus acutis
Naribus horum hominum: rideri possit, eo quod
Rusticius tonso toga defluit, et male laxus
In pede calceus hæret. at est bonus, ut melior vir
Non alius quisquam; at tibi amicus: at ingenium ingens
Inculto latet hoc sub corpore. denique teipsum
Concute, num qua tibi vitiorum inseverit olim
Natura, aut etiam consuetudo mala. namque
Neglectis urenda filix innascitur agris.

Illuc prævertamur. amatorem quod amicæ
Turpia decipiunt cæcum vitia, aut etiam ipsa hæc
Delectant; veluti Balbinum polypus *(c)* Agnæ.
Vellem in amicitia sic erraremus, et isti
Errori nomen virtus posuisset honestum.
At, pater ut gnati, sic nos debemus, amici
Si quid sit vitium, non fastidire. strabonem
Appellat pætum pater; et pullum, male parvus
Si cui filius est; ut abortivus fuit olim

(*a*) Haud fortasse minora. (*b*) Prætereas. *Sanad.* (*c*) Polypus Hagnæ.

Sisyphus:

be nothing in his bags. He sat up at nights *even* to day-light: he snored out all the day. Never was there any thing so inconsistent with itself. Now some person may say to me, What *are* you? Have you no faults? But *they are* others, and perhaps of a less culpable nature.

When Mænius railed at Novius in his absence: Hark ye, says a certain person, are you ignorant of your own *character?* Or do you think to impose yourself upon us as *a person* we do not know? As for me, I forgive myself, quoth Mænius. This is a foolish and impious *self*-love, and worthy to be stigmatized. When you look over your own vices, winking *wilfully* at them, as it were, with sore eyes; why are you with regard to those of your friends as sharp-sighted as an eagle, or the Epidaurian serpent? But, on the other side of the question, it is your fate, that your friends should enquire into your vices in turn. *A certain person* is a little too hasty in his temper: *and* not well calculated *to bear* the sharp-witted sneers of these men: he may be made a jest of, because his gown hangs awkwardly, he *at the same time* being trimmed in a very rustic manner, and his wide shoe hardly sticks to his foot. But he is *so* good, than no man can be better; but he is your friend: but an immense genius is concealed under this unpolished person of his. Finally, sift yourself thoroughly, whether nature has originally sown the seeds of any vices in you, or even an ill habit *has done it*. For the fern, fit *only* to be burned, over-runs the neglected fields.

But let us return from our digression. As his mistress's disagreeable failings escape the blinded lover, or even these give him pleasure; as Agna's wen does to Balbinus. I could wish that we erred in this manner with regard to friendship, and that virtue had affixed a reputable appellation to such an error. And as a father ought not to contemn his son, if he has any defect, in the same manner we ought not *to contemn* our friend. The father calls his squinting boy, a pretty leering rogue; and if any man has a little de-

Sisyphus: hunc Varum, distortis cruribus; illum
Balbutit Scaurum, pravis fultum male talis.
Parcius hic vivit; frugi dicatur: ineptus
Et jactantior hic paulo est; concinnus amicis
Postulat ut videatur: at est truculentior atque
Plus æquo liber; simplex fortisque habeatur:
Caldior est; acres inter numeretur. opinor,
Hæc res et jungit, junctos et servat amicos.
At nos virtutes ipsas invertimus, atque
Sincerum cupimus vas incrustare. probus quis
Nobiscum vivit, multum demissus homo: (a) illi
Tardo, cognomen pingui damus: hic fugit omnes
Insidias, nullique malo latus obdit apertum;
(Cum genus hoc inter vitæ (b) versetur, ubi acris
Invidia, atque vigent ubi crimina) pro bene sano
Ac non incauto, fictum astutumque vocamus.
Simplicior quis et est, (qualem me sæpe libenter
Obtulerim tibi, Mæcenas) ut forte legentem
Aut tacitum (c) impellat, quovis sermone molestus;
Communi sensu plane caret, inquimus. eheu
Quam temere in nosmet legem sancimus iniquam!
Nam vitiis nemo sine nascitur: optimus ille est,
Qui minimis urgetur. amicus dulcis, ut æquum est,
Cum mea compensat vitiis bona, pluribus hisce
(Si modo plura mihi bona sunt) inclinet, amari

(a) Homo ille. (b) Hoc inter vitæ versemur. (c) Aut tacitum. Impediat. *Bentl.*

ſpicable brat, ſuch as the abortive * Siſyphus formerly was, he calls it a ſweet moppet: this *child* with diſtorted legs, *the father*, in a fondling voice, calls one of the † Vari; and another, who is club-footed, he calls a † Scaurus. *Thus, if* this friend of your's lives more ſparingly than ordinarily, let him be ſtyled a man of frugality: another is impertinent, and apt to brag a little; he requires to be reckoned entertaining to his friends: but *another* is too rude, and takes greater liberties than are fitting; let him be eſteemed a man of ſincerity and bravery: is he too fiery? Let him be numbered amongſt perſons of ſpirit. This method, in my opinion, both unites friends, and preſerves them in a ſtate of union. But we invert the very virtues themſelves, and are deſirous of throwing dirt upon the untainted veſſel. If a man of probity live amongſt us, *and is* a perſon of ſingular diffidence: we give him the name of a dull and fat-headed fellow: this man avoids every ſnare, and lays himſelf open to no ill-deſigning *villain*; (ſince we live amidſt ſuch a *wicked* race, where keen envy and flagitiouſneſs are flouriſhing) inſtead of a ſenſible and wary man, we call him a diſguiſed and ſubtle fellow. And if any one is more open, *and leſs reſerved* than uſual, (in ſuch a degree as I often have preſented myſelf to you, Mæcenas) ſo as perhaps impertinently to interrupt a perſon reading, or muſing, with any kind of prate; we cry, *this fellow* actually wants common ſenſe. Alas! how indiſcreetly do we ordain a ſevere law againſt ourſelves. For no one is born without vices: *and* he is the beſt man who is incumbered with the leaſt. When my dear friend, as is *no more than* juſt, weighs my good qualities againſt my bad ones; let him, if he is willing to be beloved, turn the ſcale to the majority of the former, (if I have indeed a majority of good qualities): on this condition, he ſhall be

* Siſyphus, *the ſon of* M. Antony, *the triumvir, was only two feet high.*

† *The* Vari *and* Scauri *were very noble families, and had their names originally from ſome of theſe defects.*

Si volet: hac lege, in trutina ponetur eadem.
Qui ne tuberibus propriis offendat amicum
Poſtulat; ignoſcat verrucis illius. æquum eſt
Peccatis veniam poſcentem, reddere rurſus.

Denique, quaterus extidi penitus vitium iræ,
Cætera item nequeunt ſtultis hærentia; cur non
Ponderibus moduliſque ſuis ratio utitur? ac, res
Ut quæque eſt, ita ſuppliciis delicta coercet?
Si quis eum ſervum, patinam qui tollere juſſus,
Semeſos piſces tepidumque ligurrierit jus,
In cruce ſuffigat; Labeone inſanior inter
Sanos dicatur. quanto hoc furioſius atque
Majus peccatum eſt? paulum deliquit amicus;
Quod niſi concedas, habeare inſuavis, acerbus:
Odiſti, et fugis, ut Druſonem debitor æris;
Qui niſi, cum triſtes miſero venere Calendæ,
Mercedem, aut nummos unde unde extricat, amaras,
Porrecto jugulo, hiſtorias, captivus ut, audit.
Comminxit lectum potus, menſave catillum
Evandri manibus tritum (a) dejecit. ob hanc rem,
Aut poſitum ante mea quia pullum in parte catini
Suſtulit eſuriens, minus hoc jucundus amicus
Sit mihi? quid faciam, ſi furtum fecerit, aut ſi
Prodiderit commiſſa fide, ſponſumve negarit?
Queis paria eſſe fere placuit peccata, laborant,
Cum ventum ad verum eſt: ſenſus moreſque repugnant,
Atque ipſa utilitas, juſti prope mater et æqui.

Cum prorepſerunt primis animalia terris,
Mutum et turpe pecus, glandem atque cubilia propter
Unguibus et pugnis, dein fuſtibus, atque ita porro

(a) Tortum. *Bentl.*

Pugna-

placed in the same balance. He who requires that his friends should not take offence at his own *great* protuberances, should excuse his friend's *little* warts. It is *but* fair, that he who intreats a pardon for his faults, should *be ready* to grant one in his turn.

Upon the whole, for as much as the vice anger, as well as others inherent in weak *mortals*, cannot be totally eradicated; why does not *human* reason make use of its own *just* weights and measures? And so punish faults as the nature of the thing demands? If any man should punish with the cross a slave, who, being ordered to take away the dish, should gorge the half-eaten fish, and warm sauce; he would amongst the people in their senses be called a madder man than * Labeo. *But* how much more an irrational and heinous crime is this? Your friend *perhaps* has been guilty of a small error; which, unless you forgive, you ought to be reckoned a sour, an ill-natured fellow: *and yet* you hate him, and avoid him, as a *poor* debtor does Druso; who, when the woeful calends come upon the unfortunate man, unless he procures the principal or capital by hook or by crook, *is compelled* to hear his spiteful precedents with his neck stretched out like a slave. *Should my friend* in his liquor water *my* couch, or has he thrown down a jar carved by the hands of Evander; shall he for this *trifling* affair, or because in his hunger he has taken a chicken before me out of my part of the dish, be the less agreeable friend to me? *If so*, what could I do if he was guilty of theft, or had betrayed things committed to him in confidence, or broke his word? *They* who are pleased to *rank all* faults nearly on an equality, are gravelled when they come to the truth of the matter: *sound* sense and morality are against them, and utility itself, *which is* the *very* mother almost of right and equity.

When rude animals, they crawled forth upon the first-formed earth, the mute and dirty herd *of 'em* fought with their nails and fists for their acorn and

* Labeo, *a petulant, abusive lawyer, who did not spare even* Augustus *himself.*

Pugnabant armis, quæ poſt fabricaverat uſus:
Donec verba, quibus voces ſenſuſque uotarent,
Nominaque invenere: dehinc abſiſtere bello,
Oppida cœperunt munire, et ponere leges,
Ne quis fur eſſet, neu latro, neu quis adulter.
Nam fuit ante Helenam cunnus teterrima belli
Cauſa: ſed ignotis perierunt mortibus illi,
Quos, Venerem incertam rapientes, more ferarum,
Viribus editior cædebat, ut in grege taurus.
Jura inventa metu injuſti fateare neceſſe eſt,
Tempora ſi faſtoſque velis evolvere mundi.
Nec Natura poteſt juſto ſecernere iniquum,
Dividit ut bona diverſis, fugienda petendis:
Nec vincet ratio hoc, tantundem ut peccet, idemque,
Qui teneros caules alieni fregerit (a) horti,
Et qui nocturnus ſacra Divum legerit. adſit
Regula, peccatis quæ pœnas irroget æquas:
Ne ſcutica dignum horribili ſectere flagello.
Nam ut ferula cædas meritum majora ſubire
Verbera, non vereor; cum dicas eſſe pares res
Furta latrociniis, et magnis parva mineris
Falce reciſurum ſimili te, ſi tibi regnum
Permittant homines. ſi dives, qui ſapiens eſt,
Et ſutor bonus, et ſolus formoſus, et eſt rex;
Cur optas quod habes? Non noſti quid pater (inquit)
Chryſippus dicat: ſapiens crepidas ſibi nunquam

(a) Infregerit. *Bentl.*

Nec

caves, afterwards with clubs, and finally with *regular* arms, which experience had forged: till they found out words and names, by which they aſcertained their language and ſenſations: henceforward they began to abſtain from war, to fortify towns, and eſtabliſh laws, that no perſon, *with impunity*, might be a thief, a robber, or an adulterer. For before Helen's time, there exiſted *many* a woman, who was the diſmal cauſe of war: but thoſe *ſavage heroes* fell by unknown deaths, whom raviſhing uncertain venery, as the bull *does* in the herd, the ſtrongeſt ſlew. It muſt of neceſſity be acknowledged, if you have a mind to turn over the æras and annals of the world, that laws were invented from an apprehenſion of the *natural* injuſtice *of mankind*. Nor can *mere* nature ſeparate what is unjuſt from what is juſt, in the ſame manner as ſhe diſtinguiſhes what is good from its reverſe, and what is to be avoided from that which is to be ſought after: nor will reaſon perſuade men to this, that he who breaks down the cabbage-ſtalk of his neighbour, ſins in as great a meaſure, and in the ſame manner, as he who ſteals by night things conſecrated to the Gods. Let there be a ſtandard ſettled, that may inflict adequate puniſhments upon crimes: leſt you ſhould perſecute *any one* with the horrible thong, who is *only* deſerving of a ſlight whipping. For I am not *in the leaſt* apprehenſive, that you ſhould correct with the rod one that deſerves to ſuffer ſeverer ſtripes; ſince you aſſert that pilfering is an equal *crime* to an highway-robbery, and threaten that you would prune off with an undiſtinguiſhing hook little and great vices, if mankind was to give you ſovereignty over them *. If he be *neceſſarily* rich, who is wiſe, and a good ſhoe-maker, and alone *truly* handſome, and a king *into the bargain*, why do you wiſh for that which you are poſſeſſed of? You do not underſtand what Chryſippus, the father of *your ſect*, ſays: the wife man never made himſelf ſhoe nor ſlip-

* *The Doctrine of the* Stoics, *as explained by* Chryſippus, *was that a wiſe man was not only* ipſo facto *a king, but likewiſe of all trades and profeſſions whatſoever.*

Nec soleas fecit: sutor tamen est sapiens. *(a)* Qui?
Ut, quamvis tacet Hermogenes, cantor tamen atque
Optimus est modulator: ut Alfenus vafer, omni
Abjecto instrumento artis, clausaque taberna,
(b) Sutor erat: sapiens operis sic optimus omnis
Est opifex, sic rex solus. vellunt tibi barbam
Lascivi pueri; quos tu nisi fuste coerces,
Urgeris turba circum te stante, miserque,
Rumperis, et latras, magnorum maxime regum.
Ne longum faciam: dum tu quadrante lavatum
Rex ibis, neque te quisquam stipator, ineptum
Præter Crispinum, sectabitur; et mihi dulces
Ignoscent, si quid peccavero stultus, amici,
Inque vicem illorum patiar delicta libenter;
Privatusque magis vivam te rege beatus.

SATYRA IV.

Satyricorum poetarum, ac suam præsertim in scribendo licentiam excusat.

EUPOLIS, atque Cratinus, Aristophanesque poeta,
Atque alii, quorum comœdia prisca virorum est,
Si quis erat dignus describi, quod malus, aut fur,
Quod mœchus foret, aut sicarius, aut alioqui
Famosus; multa cum libertate notabant.
Hinc omnis pendet Lucilius, hosce secutus,
Mutatis tantum pedibus numerisque; facetus,
Emunctæ naris, durus componere versus:
Nam fuit hoc vitiosus; in hora sæpe ducentos,
Ut magnum, versus dictabat stans pede in uno.
Cum flueret lutulentus, erat quod tollere velles:
Garrulus, atque piger scribendi ferre laborem;
Scribendi recte: nam ut multum, nil moror. ecce

(a) Est sapiens. Quo? *(b)* Tonsor erat.

Cris-

pers: nevertheleſs, the wiſe man is a ſhoe-maker. How ſo? In the ſame manner tho' *Hermogenes* be ſilent, he is a fine ſinger notwithſtanding, and an excellent muſician: *and* as the ſubtle *lawyer* Alfenus, after every inſtrument of his calling was thrown aſide, and his ſhop ſhut up, was *ſtill* a barber: thus is the wiſe man of all trades, thus is he a king. O greateſt of great kings, the waggiſh boys pluck you by the beard; whom unleſs you reſtrain with your ſtaff, you will be ſqueezed *to pieces* with a mob all about you, and you may wretchedly bark and burſt your lungs *in vain*. Not to be tedious: while you, *great* monarch, ſhall go to the farthing-bath, and no guard ſhall attend you, except the abſurd Criſpinus; and my dear friends ſhall pardon me in any matter if I ſhall fooliſhly offend; I alſo in my turn will chearfully put up with their faults; and *thus*, *tho'* a private man, I ſhall live more happily than you, that are a king.

SATIRE IV.

He apologizes for the liberties taken by ſatyric poets in general, and particularly by himſelf.

THE poets Eupolis, and Cratinus, and Ariſtophanes, and others, who are authors of the ancient comedy, if there was any perſon deſerving to be diſtinguiſhed for being a raſcal, or a thief, an adulterer, or a cut-throat, or in any ſhape an infamous fellow; they branded him with great freedom. Upon theſe *models* Lucilius entirely depends, having imitated them, changing only their feet and numbers: a man of wit, of great keenneſs, but harſh in the ſtructure of his verſes: for in this reſpect he was faulty; he would often, as a great feat, dictate two hundred verſes in an hour, ſtanding in the ſame poſition. As he flowed muddily, there was *always* ſomething that one would wiſh to eraſe: *he was* verboſe, and *too* lazy to endure the fatigue of writing; of writing accurately: for with regard to the quantity of *his works*, I make no account of it. *But*, ſee! Criſpinus chal-

Criſpinus *(a)* minimo me provocat: accipe, ſi vis,
(b) Accipe jam tabulas: detur nobis locus, hora,
Cuſtodes; videamus uter plus ſcribere poſſit.
Di bene fecerunt, inopis me quodque puſilli
Finxerunt animi, raro et perpauca *(c)* loquentis;
At tu concluſas hircinis follibus auras,
Uſque laborantes dum ferrum molliat ignis,
Ut mavis, imitare. beatus Fannius, ultro
Delatis capſis et imagine: cum mea nemo
Scripta legat, vulgo recitare timentis, ob hanc rem,
Quod ſunt quos genus hoc minime juvat; utpote plures
Culpari dignos. quem vis *(d)* media erue turba;
Aut *(e)* ob avaritiam, aut miſera ambitione laborat.
Hic nuptarum inſanit amoribus, hic puerorum:
Hunc capit argenti ſplendor; ſtupet Albius ære;
Hic mutat merces ſurgente a ſole, ad eum quo
Veſpertina tepet regio: quin per mala præceps
Fertur, uti pulvis collectus turbine; ne quid
Summa deperdat metuens, aut ampliet ut rem.
Omnes hi metuunt verſus, odere poetas.
Fœnum habet in cornu; longe fuge: dummodo riſum
Excutiat ſibi, non hic cuiquam parcet amico:
Et quodcunque ſemel chartis illeverit, omnes
Geſtiet a furno redeuntes ſcire, lacuque,
Et pueros et anus. agedum, pauca accipe contra.

(*a*) Mimo me provocat, *Heinſ.* Nummome. *Bentl.* (*b*) Accipiam tabulas. (*c*) Loquentem. *Lamb.* (*d*) Mediam eripe turba—elige. (*e*) Ab avaritia. *Douza.*

lenges me *even* for ever ſo little *a wager*. Take, if you dare, at this inſtant take your tablets: let there be a place, a time, and perſons to ſee fair play appointed, *and* let us ſee who can write the moſt. The Gods have done a good part by me, ſince they have framed me of an humble and meek diſpoſition, ſpeaking but ſeldom, *and then* but briefly: but do you, *Criſpinus*, as much as you will, imitate air which is ſhut up in a leathern * bellows, which is perpetually puffing, till the fire ſoftens the iron. Fannius is an happy man, who, of his own accord has preſented his manuſcripts and picture † *to the Palatine Apollo:* when not a ſoul will peruſe my writings, who am afraid to rehearſe in public, on this account, becauſe there are certain perſons who can by no means reliſh this kind *of ſatiric writing*; as there are very many who deſerve cenſure. Single any man out of the crowd; he either labours under a covetous diſpoſition, or through wretched ambition. One is mad in love with married women, another with children: a third the ſplendor of ſilver captivates: Albius is in raptures with ‡ braſs: another exchanges his merchandiſe from the § riſing ſun, *even* to that with which the weſtern regions are warmed: but, he is hurried headlong through dangers, as duſt wrapped up in a whirlwind; in dread leſt he ſhould loſe any thing out of his capital, or *in hopes* that he may increaſe his ſtore. All theſe are afraid of verſes, they hate poets. "He has "hay on his horn, *they cry*; avoid him at a great diſ-"tance: if he can but raiſe a laugh for his own *diver-"ſion*, he will not ſpare any friend: and whatever he "has once blotted upon his paper, he will take a plea-"ſure in letting all the boys and old women know, as "they return from the bake-houſe, or the lake." *But* come on, *pleaſe* to attend to a few words on the other ſide of the queſtion.

* *Literally goat's leather.*

† *The* Auguſtan *repoſitory for the writings and effigies of men of genius.*

‡ *Brazen buſts and baſes.*

§ *From the eaſt.*

Primum ego me illorum, dederim quibus esse (a) poetas,
Excerpam numero: neque enim concludere versum
Dixeris esse satis; neque si quis scribat, uti nos,
Sermoni propiora, putes hunc esse poetam.
Ingenium cui sit, cui mens divinior, atque os
Magna sonaturum, des nominis hujus honorem.
Idcirco quidam comœdia, necne, poema
Esset, quæsivere: quod acer spiritus ac vis
Nec verbis nec rebus inest; nisi quod pede certo
Differt sermoni, sermo merus. at pater ardens
Sævit, quod meretrice nepos (b) insanus amica
Filius, uxorem grandi cum dote recuset;
Ebrius et (magnum quod dedecus) ambulet ante
Noctem cum facibus. numquid Pomponius istis
Audiret leviora, pater si viveret? ergo
Non satis est puris versum perscribere verbis;
Quem si dissolvas, quivis stomachetur eodem
Quo personatus pacto pater. his, ego quæ nunc,
Olim quæ scripsit Lucilius, eripias si
Tempora certa, modosque, et, quod prius ordine verbum est,
Posterius facias, præponens ultima primis,
Non, (ut si solvas, *Postquam discordia tetra*
Belli ferratos postes portasque refregit;)
Invenias etiam disjecti membra poetæ.

Hactenus hæc; alias justum sit necne poema:
Nunc illud tantum quæram, meritone tibi sit
Suspectum genus hoc scribendi. Sulcius acer

(a) Postis. *Heinsi.* (b) Meretrice nepos insanit amica.

Ambu-

In the firſt place, *then*, I will except myſelf out of the number of thoſe I will allow to be poets: for one muſt not call it ſufficent to tag a verſe; nor if any perſon, like me, writes in a ſtyle bordering on converſation, muſt you eſteem him to be a poet. Who has genius, who has a ſoul of a diviner caſt, and a greatneſs of expreſſion, give him the honour of this appellation. On this account ſome have queried whether comedy be a poem or not: becauſe an animated ſpirit and force is neither in the ſtyle nor the ſubject-matter; bating that it differs from proſe by a certain meaſure, it is mere proſe. But, *one may object to this, that even in comedy* an inflamed father rages, becauſe his diſſolute ſon, mad after a proſtitute miſtreſs, refuſes a wife with a large portion; and (what is an egregious ſcandal) rambles about drunk with flambeaux by day-light. Yet could Pomponius, were his father alive, hear leſs ſevere reproofs? Wherefore it is not ſufficient to write verſes *merely* in proper language; which if you take to-pieces, any perſon may ſtorm in the ſame manner as * the father in the play. If from theſe verſes which I write at this preſent, or thoſe that Lucilius did formerly, you take away certain pauſes and meaſures, and make that which was firſt in order hindermoſt, by placing the latter words before thoſe preceded *in the verſe*; you will not diſcern the † limbs of a poet *when* thrown in pieces, in the ſame manner as you would were you to tranſpoſe ever ſo *theſe lines of Ennius*;

When diſcord dreadful burſts the brazen bars,
And iron locks ſhe rends to thunder forth her wars.

So far of this matter; at another opportunity, *I may inveſtigate* whether *a comedy* be a true poem or not. Now I ſhall only conſider this point, whether this *ſatiric* kind of writing be deſervedly an object of your

* Demea *in the* Adelphi.

† *Diveſt theſe lines as much as you pleaſe of the meaſure, nevertheleſs the poetical ſpirit will remain.*

Ambulat, et Caprius, rauci male, cumque libellis;
Magnus uterque timor latronibus: at bene si quis
Et puris vivat manibus; contemnat utrumque.
Ut sis tu similis Cœli Byrrhique latronum;
Non ego sim Capri neque Sulci: cur metuas me?
Nulla taberna meos habeat neque pila libellos,
Queis manus insudet vulgi, Hermogenisque Tigelli.
Non recito cuiquam, nisi amicis, idque coactus;
Non ubivis, coramve quibuslibet. in medio qui
Scripta foro recitent, sunt multi; quique lavantes:
Suave locus voci resonat conclusus. inanes
Hoc juvat, haud illud quærentes, num fine sensu,
Tempore num faciant alieno. lædere gaudes,
(a) Inquit, et hoc studio pravus facis. unde petitum
Hoc in me jacis? est auctor quis denique eorum
Vixi cum quibus? absentem qui rodit amicum;
Qui non defendit, alio culpante; solutos
Qui captat risus hominum, famamque dicacis;
Fingere qui non visa potest: commissa tacere
Qui nequit; hic niger est, hunc tu, Romane, caveto.
Sæpe tribus lectis videas cœnare quaternos;
E quibus unus (b) avet quavis aspergere cunctos,
Præter eum qui præbet aquam; post hunc quoque potus,
Condita cum verax aperit præcordia liber.
Hic tibi comis, et urbanus, liberque videtur,
Infesto nigris: ego, si risi, quod ineptus
Pastillos Rufillus olet, Gorgonius hircum,
Lividus et mordax videor tibi? mentio si qua

(a) Inquis: et hoc. (b) E quibus unus amet.

De

ſuſpicion *or not*. Sulcius the virulent, and Caprius, *both* hoarſe with their malignancy, walk *openly*, and with their * libels too *in their hands*; each of them a ſingular terror to robbers: but if a man lives honeſtly, and with clean hands, he may deſpiſe them both. Tho' you be like the highwaymen Cœlus and Byrrhus; I am not *a common accuſer*, like Caprius and Sulcius: why *therefore* ſhould you be afraid of me? No ſhop, nor ſtall holds my books, which the ſweaty hands of the vulgar, and of Hermogenes Tigellius, may ſoil. I repeat to nobody, except my intimates, and that *only when I* cannot poſſibly avoid it; not any where, and before any body. There are many who recite their writings in the middle of the forum; and who, *do it* while bathing: the cloſeneſs of the place *it ſeems* gives melody to the voice. This pleaſes coxcombs, who never conſider whether they do this to no purpoſe, or at an improper time. But you, ſays he, delight to hurt people, and this you do out of a miſchievous diſpoſition. From what ſource do you throw this calumny upon me? Is any one then your voucher, with whom I have lived *in intimacy*? He who backbites his abſent friend; *nay more*, who does not defend, at another's accuſing him; who affects to raiſe loud laughs in company, and the reputation of a funny fellow *at others expence*; who can make things he never ſaw; who cannot keep ſecrets; he is a dangerous man: be you aware of him. You may often ſee it, *even in crowded companies*, where twelve ſup together on three couches; one of which ſhall delight at any rate to aſperſe the reſt, except him † who furniſhes the bath; *and* him too afterwards in his liquor, when truth-telling Bacchus opens the ſecrets of his heart. *Yet* this man ſeems entertaining, and well-bred, and frank to you, who are an enemy to the malignant: but do I, if I have laughed becauſe the fop Rufillus ſmells all perfumes, and Gorgonius like a he-goat, appear invidious and a ſnarler to you? If by any means mention

* *Tablets containing articles of indictment.*
† *The boſt, maſter of the feaſt.*

happe

De Capitolini furtis injecta Petilli
Te coram fuerit; defendas, ut tuus est mos:
Me Capitolinus convictore usus amicoque
A puero est, causaque mea permulta rogatus
Fecit; et incolumis lætor quod vivis in urbe:
Sed tamen admiror, quo pacto judicium illud
Fugerit. hic nigræ succus loliginis, hæc est
Ærugo mera: quod vitium procul absore chartis,
Atque animo prius, ut si quid promittere de me
Possum aliud, vere promitto. liberius si
Dixero quid, si forte jocosius, hoc mihi juris
Cum venia dabis. insuevit pater optimus hoc me,
Ut fugerem exemplis vitiorum quæque notando.
Cum me hortaretur, parce, frugaliter, atque
Viverem uti contentus eo quod mi ipse parasset:
Nonne vides, Albi ut male vivat filius? utque
(a) Barrus inops? magnum documentum, ne patriam rem
Perdere quis velit. a turpi meretricis amore
Cum deterreret: Sectam disimilis sis.
Ne sequerer mœchas, concessa cum venere uti
Possem: Deprensi non bella est fama Treboni,
Aiebat. sapiens, vitatu quidque petita
Sit melius, causas reddet tibi. mi satis est, si
Traditum ab antiquis morem servare, tuamque,
Dum custodis eges, vitam famamque tueri
Incolumem possim: simul ac duraverit ætas
Membra animumque tuum, nabis sine cortice. sic me
Formabat puerum dictis: et sive jubebat
Ut facerem quid; habes auctorem, quo facias hoc;
Unum ex judicibus selectis objiciebat:
Sive vetabat; an hoc inhonestum et inutile factu,

(a)

Necne

happen to be made of the thefts of Petillus Capitolinus in your company, you defend him after your manner: *as thus*, Capitolinus has had me for a companion and friend *even* from childhood, and on being applied to has done many things on my account; and I am glad that he lives ſecure in the city: but I wonder, notwithſtanding, how he evaded the ſentence *that was paſſed againſt him*. This is the very eſſence of invidious poiſon, this is mere malice itſelf: which crime, that it ſhall be far remote from my writings, and prior to them, from my mind, I ſincerely promiſe, if I can take upon me to promiſe any thing of myſelf. If I ſhall ſay any thing *in my writings* too freely, if perhaps too ludicrouſly, you muſt favour me by your indulgence with this allowance. *For my* excellent father inured me to this cuſtom, that by noting each particular vice, I might avoid it by the example *of others*. When he exhorted me that I ſhould live thriftily, frugally, and content with what he provided for me: don't you ſee, *would he ſay*, how wretchedly the ſon of Albius lives? And how miſerably Barrus? An affecting leſſon to hinder any one from ſquandering away his patrimony. When he would deter me from filthy fondneſs for a ſtrumpet: *take care, ſaid he*, that you do not reſemble Sectanus. That I might not follow adultereſſes, when I could enjoy a lawful amour: the character, cry'd he, of Trebonius, who was caught in the fact, is by no means clever. The philoſopher may tell you the reaſons for what is better to be avoided, and what to be purſued. It is ſufficient for me, if I can preſerve the morality traditional from my forefathers, and keep your life and reputation inviolate, ſo long as you ſtand in need of a guardian: as ſoon as age ſhall have ſtrengthened your limbs and mind, you will ſwim without cork. In this manner he formed me as yet a boy: and whether he ordered me to do any particular thing; you have an authority, *boy*, for doing this; *then* he inſtanced ſome one out of the ſelect magiſtrates: or did he forbid me *any thing*; can you doubt, *ſays he*, whether this thing be diſhonourable, and againſt your intereſt to be done, when this perſon and

the

Necne sit, addubites, flagret rumore malo cum
Hic atque ille? *(a)* avidos vicinum funus ut ægros
Exanimat, mortisque metu sibi parcere cogit:
Sic teneros animos aliena opprobria sæpe
Absterrent vitiis. ex hoc ego sanus ab illis,
Perniciem quæcunque ferunt: mediocribus, et queis
Ignoscas, vitiis teneor. fortassis et istinc
Largiter abstulerit longa ætas, liber amicus,
Consilium proprium. neque enim, cum lectulus, aut me
Porticus excepit, desum mihi: rectius hoc est:
Hoc faciens vivam melius: sic dulcis amicis
Occurram: hoc quidam non belle: numquid ego illi
Imprudens olim faciam simile? hæc ego mecum
Compressis agito labris. ubi quid datur oti,
Illudo chartis. hoc est mediocribus illis
Ex vitiis unum: cui si concedere nolis,
Multa poetarum veniat manus, auxilio quæ
Sit mihi: (nam multo plures sumus) ac veluti te
Judæi, cogemus in hanc concedere turbam.

SATYRA V.

Iter quoddam suum Roma Brundusium usque singulari cum festivitate describit.

EGRESSUM magna me accepit Aricia Roma
Hospitio modico: rhetor comes Heliodorus,
(b) Græcorum longe doctissimus: inde Forum Appi,
Differtum nautis, cauponibus atque malignis.
Hoc iter ignavi divisimus, altius ac nos
Præcinctis unum: minus est gravis Appia tardis.
Hic ego, propter aquam, quod erat deterrima, ventri
Indico bellum, cœnantes haud animo æquo

(*a*) Vides vicinum funus. (*b*) Græcorum linguæ doctissimus.

Expec-

the other is become ſuch a burning ſhame for his bad character *on theſe accounts?* As a neighbouring funeral diſpirits ſick gluttons, and through fear of death forces them to have mercy upon themſelves: ſo other mens diſgraces often deter tender minds from vices. From this *method of education* I am clear from all ſuch vices, as bring deſtruction along with them: by leſſer foibles, and ſuch as you may think venial, I am poſſeſſed. And even from theſe, perhaps, a maturer age, the ſincerity of a friend, *or* my own judgment, may make great reductions. For neither when I am in bed, or *walking* in the piazzas, am I wanting to myſelf: this way of proceeding is better: by doing ſuch a thing I ſhall live more comfortably: by this means I ſhall render myſelf agreeable to my friends: ſuch a tranſaction was not clever: what, ſhall I at any time imprudently commit any thing like it? Theſe things I revolve in ſilence by myſelf. When I have any leiſure, I amuſe myſelf with my papers. This is one of thoſe leſſer foibles *I was ſpeaking of:* to which if you don't grant your indulgence, a numerous band of poets may come, which will take my part: (for we are many more in number *now than ever*) and, like the Jews, we will force you to come over to our numerous party.

SATIRE V.

He deſcribes a certain journey of his from Rome *to* Brunduſium *with great pleaſantry.*

HAVING left magnificent Rome, Aricia received me in *but* a middling inn: Heliodorus the rhetorician, by far the moſt learned of the Grecians, *was* my fellow-traveller: thence we proceeded to Forum-Appi, ſtuffed with ſailors and ſurly landlords. This ſtage, but one for perſons more expedite than we, being laggard, we divided into two: the Appian way is leſs tireſome to ſlow travellers. Here I, on account of the water, which was execrable, proclaim war againſt my belly, waiting not without impatience for my com-

Expectans comites. jam nox inducere terris
Umbras, et cœlo diffundere signa parabat.
Tum pueri nautis, pueris convicia nautæ
Ingerere. huc apelle. trecentos inseris: ohe
Jam satis est. Dum æs exigitur, dum mula ligatur,
Tota abit hora. malî culices, ranæque palustres
Avertunt somnos. *(a)* absentem ut cantat amicam
Multa prolutus vappa nauta, atque viator
Certatim: tandem fessus dormire viator
Incipit; ac missæ pastum retinacula mulæ
Nauta piger saxo religat, stertitque supinus.
Jamque dies aderat, cum nil procedere lintrem
Sentimus: donec cerebrosus profilit unus,
Ac mulæ nautæque caput lumbosque saligno
Fuste dolat. quarta vix demum exponimur hora.
Ora manusque tua *(b)* lavimus, Feronia, lympha.
Millia tum pranfi tria repimus; atque subimus
Impositum saxis late candentibus Anxur.
Huc venturus erat Mæcenas, optimus atque
Cocceius, missi magnis de rebus uterque
Legati; aversos soliti componere amicos.
Hic oculis ego nigra meis collyria lippus
Illinere. interea Mæcenas advenit, atque
Cocceius, Capitoque simul Fonteius, ad unguem
Factus homo; Antoni, non ut magis alter, amicus.

Fundos Aufidio Lusco prætore libenter
Linquimus, insani ridentes præmia scribæ,
Prætextam, et latum clavum, prunæque batillum.

(*a*) Absentem cantat amicam. (*b*) Lavimur. *Heins.*

companions, whilſt at ſupper. Now the night was preparing to ſpread her ſhadows upon the earth, and to diſplay the conſtellations in the heavens. Then our ſlaves began to be liberal of their abuſe to the watermen, and the watermen to our ſlaves. "Here, "bring to, *yedags.*" "You are ſtowing in hundreds: "hold, now *ſure* there is enough." Thus while the fare is paid, and the mule faſtened, a whole hour is paſſed away. The curſed gnats, and frogs of the fens drive off repoſe. While the waterman and paſſenger well ſoaked with plenty of thick wine, vie with one another in ſinging the praiſes of their abſent miſtreſſes; at length the paſſenger, being fatigued, begins to ſleep; and the lazy waterman ties the halter of the mule turned out a grazing, to a *great* ſtone, and ſnores, lying flat on his back. And now the day approached, when we ſaw the boat made no way: until a choleric fellow, one of the paſſengers, leaps out of the boat, and drubs the head and ſides of *both* mule and waterman with a willow cudgel. At laſt we were ſcarcely ſet aſhore at the * fourth hour. We *inſtantly* waſh our faces and hands in thy water, O Feronia. Then having dined we crawled on three miles *farther*; and arrive under Anxur, which is built upon rocks that look white to a great diſtance. Mæcenas was to come here, as was the excellent Cocceius, both ſent ambaſſadors on matters of great importance; having been *before* accuſtomed to reconcile † friends at variance. Here, having got ſore eyes, I was obliged to the uſe of the black ointment. In the mean time came Mæcenas, and Cocceius, and Fonteius Capito along with them, a nobleman of the greateſt accompliſhments; and intimate with Mark Antony, no man more ſo.

Without regret we *next* paſſed Fundi, where Aufidius Luſcus was prætor, laughing *heartily* at the honours of *that* crazy ſcribe, *namely*, his prætexta, laticlave, and pan of incenſe. At our next *ſtage*, being weary,

* *Our ten o'clock.*

† Octavius *and* Antony.

In Mamurrarum laſſi deinde urbe manemus,
Murena præbente domum, Capitone culinam.

Poſtera lux oritur multo gratiſſima: namque
Plotius et Varius Sinueſſæ, Virgiliuſque
Occurrunt; animæ, quales neque candidiores
Terra tulit, neque queis me ſit devinctior alter.
O qui complexus, et gaudia quanta fuerunt!
Nil ego contulerim jucundo ſanus amico.
Proxima Campano ponti quæ villula, tectum
Præbuit; et parochi, quæ debent, ligna ſalemque.
Hinc muli Capuæ clitellas tempore ponunt.
Luſum it Mæcenas, dormitum ego Virgiliuſque:
Namque pila lippis inimicum et ludere crudis.

Hinc nos Coccei recipit pleniſſima villa,
Quæ ſuper eſt Caudi cauponas. nunc mihi paucis
Sarmenti ſcurræ pugnam Meſſique Cicirri,
Muſa, velim memores; et quo patre natus uterque
Contuleret lites. Meſſi clarum genus—Oſci:
Sarmenti domina exſtat. ab his majoribus orti
Ad pugnam venere. prior Sarmentus; Equi te
Eſſe feri ſimilem dico. ridemus; et ipſe
Meſſius, Accipio: caput et movet. O! tua cornu
Ni foret exſecto frons, inquit, quid faceres; cum
Sic mutilus minitaris? at illi fœda cicatrix
Setoſam lævi frontem turpaverat oris.
Campanum in morbum, in faciem permulta jocatus,

Paſtorem

we tarry in the city of the * Mamurræ, Murena complimenting us with his houſe, and Capito with his kitchen.

The next day ariſes by much the moſt agreeable of all: for Plotius, and Varius, and Virgil met us at Sinueſſa; ſouls, more candid ones than which the world never produced, nor is there a perſon in the world more devoted to them than myſelf. O what embraces, and what tranſports were there *among ſt us! While I am* in my ſenſes, nothing *on earth* can I prefer to a companionable friend. The village which is next adjoining to the bridge of Campania, accommodated us with lodging *at night*; and the public officers with ſuch a quantity of fewel and ſalt, as they are obliged to *by law*. From this place the mules depoſited their pack-ſaddles at Capua betimes *in the morning*. Mæcenas goes to play *at tennis*; but I and Virgil to our repoſe: for to play at tennis is hurtful to weak eyes and feeble conſtitutions.

From this place the villa of Cocceius, ſituated above the Caudian inns, which abounds with plenty *of every thing that is good*, receives us. Now, my muſe, I beg of you briefly to relate the *notable* engagement between the buffoon Sarmentus and Meſſius Cicirrus; and from what anceſtry deſcended each entered to the conteſt. The illuſtrious race of Meſſius—† Oſcian: Sarmentus his ‡ miſtreſs is ſtill alive. Sprung from ſuch families as theſe they came to the combat. *And* firſt Sarmentus; "I pronounce thee to have the very look of a "mad horſe." We laugh; and Meſſius himſelf *ſays*, "I accept your challenge:" and wags his head. "O!" cries he, "if the horn was not cut off your "forehead, what would you not do; ſince maimed as "you are, you bully at ſuch a rate?" For a foul ſcar had diſgraced the left part of Meſſius's griſly forehead. *Th.n* cutting many jokes upon his Campanian diſeaſe,

* Formiæ, *from whence the family of the* Mamurræ *was derived.*

† *A very ſtrong irony, for the* Oſcians *were infamous to a proverb.*

‡ Sarmentus *was conſequently a ſlave.*

and

Paſtorem ſaltaret uti Cyclopa, rogabat:
Nil illi larva aut tragicis opus eſſe cothurnis.
Multa Cicirrus ad hæc: Donaſſet jamne catenam
Ex voto Laribus, quærebat: ſcriba quod eſſet,
Deterius nihilo dominæ jus eſſe. rogabat
Denique, cur unquam fugiſſet; cui ſatis una
Farris libra foret, gracili ſic, tamque puſillo.
Prorſus jucunde cœnam produximus illam.

Tendimus hinc recta Beneventum; ubi ſedulus hoſpes
Pene arſit, macros dum turdos verſat in igne:
Nam vaga per veterem dilapſo flamma culinam
Vulcano, ſummum properabat lambere tectum.
Convivas avidos cœnam, ſervoſque timentes
Tum rapere, atque omnes reſtinguere velle videres.

Incipit ex illo montes Appulia notos
Oſtentare mihi, quos torret Atabulus: et quos
Nunquam erepſemus, niſi nos vicina Trivici
Villa recepiſſet, lacrymoſo non ſine fumo;
Udos cum foliis ramos urente camino.
Hic ego mendacem ſtultiſſimus uſque puellam
Ad mediam noctem exſpecto: ſomnus tamen aufert
Intentum Veneri: tum immundo ſomnia viſu
Nocturnam veſtem maculant, ventremque ſupinum.

Quatuor hinc rapimur viginti et millia rhedis,
Manſuri oppidulo, quod verſu dicere non eſt,

Signia

and upon his face, he deſired him to exhibit Polyphemus's dance: that he had no occaſion for a maſque, or the tragic buſkins. Cicerrus *retorted* largely to theſe: he aſked, whether he had conſecrated his chain to the houſhold Gods, according to his vow: tho' he was a ſcribe, *he told him*, his miſtreſs's property *in him* was not the leſs *on that account*. Laſtly, he aſked, how he ever came to run away; ſuch a lank, meagre fellow, for whom a * pound of corn *a-day* would be *more than* ſufficient. *In ſhort*, we were ſo diverted, that we continued that ſupper to an unuſual length.

From hence we proceeded ſtraight on for Beneventum; where the buſtling landlord almoſt burnt himſelf, in roaſting ſome lean thruſhes: for the fire falling through the old kitchen *floor*, the ſpreading flame made a great progreſs towards the higheſt part of the roof. Then you might have ſeen the hungry gueſts and frighten'd ſlaves ſnatching their ſupper out *of the flames*, and every body endeavouring to extinguiſh the fire.

After this Apulia began to diſcover to me her † well-known mountains, which the ‡ Atabulus ſcorches *with his blaſts*: and through which we ſhould never have crept, unleſs the neighbouring village of Trivicus had received us, *but* not without a ſmoke that brought tears in our eyes; *occaſioned* by a hearth's burning ſome green boughs with the leaves upon them. Here, like a great fool as I was, I wait till midnight for a deceitful miſtreſs: ſleep, however, overcomes me, whilſt meditating love: and diſagreeable dreams make me aſhamed of myſelf and every thing about me.

From hence we were bowled away in chaiſes twenty-four miles, intending to ſtop at a little town, which

* *By the laws of the twelve tables, ſlaves are allowed a pound of corn a-day each.*

† Apulia *was* Horace's *native country.*

‡ *A wind, the ſame as* Iapyx. Vide Ode iii. Lib. I.

Signis perfacile eſt. venit viliſſima rerum
Hic aqua; ſed panis longe pulcherrimus, ultra
Callidus ut ſoleat humeris portare viator;
Nam Canuſi lapidoſus: aquæ non ditior urna;
Qui locus a forti Diomede eſt conditus olim.
Flentibus hinc Varius diſcedit mœſtus amicis.

Inde Rubos feſſi pervenimus; utpote longum
Carpentes iter, et factum corruptius imbri.
Poſtera tempeſtas melior, via pejor, aduſque
Bari mœnia piſcoſi. dehinc Gnatia lymphis
Iratis exſtructa dedit riſuſque jocoſque;
Dum flamma ſine, thura liqueſcere limine ſacro
Perſuadere cupit. credat Judæus Apella,
Non ego. namque Deos didici ſecurum agere ævum;
Nec, ſi quid miri faciat Natura, Deos id
Triſtes ex alto cœli demittere tecto.

Brunduſium longæ finis chartæque viæque eſt.

SATYRA

one cannot name in a * verſe, but is eaſily enough known by deſcription. For water is ſold here, though it is the worſt in the world; but their bread is exceeding fine, inſomuch that the wary traveller is uſed to carry it willingly on his ſhoulders; for *the bread* at Canuſium is gritty: a pitcher of water is worth no more *than it is here*; which place was formerly built by the valiant Diomedes. Here Varius departs dejected from his weeping friends.

From hence we came to Rubi *very much* fatigued; becauſe we made a long journey, and it was ſtill render'd more troubleſome by the rains. Next day the weather was better, *but* the road worſe, even to the very walls of Barium that abound in fiſh. In the next place Egnatia, which *ſeems to have* been built † on troubled waters, gave us occaſion for jeſts and laughter; for *they* wanted to perſuade us, that at this ſacred portal the incenſe melted without *the help* of fire. The Jew ‡ Apella may believe this, not I. For I learned *from Epicurus* that the Gods dwell in a ſtate of tranquillity; nor, if nature effect any wonder, that the anxious Gods ſend it from the high canopy of the heavens.

Brunduſium ends both my long journey and my paper.

* Æquotaticum *was the town, whoſe name cannot ſtand in a hexameter verſe.*

† *There are two meanings in the original* iratis lymphis, &c. *The firſt ſays, the town was built in deſpite of the waters, as if they were offended at its being built. The ſecond, that its inhabitants were viſionaries, lunatics,* LYMPHATICI. Francis.——*But there is a third interpretation, which ſeems more plauſible,* viz. *that the water was very bad at this place.*

‡ Or, *the circumciſed* Jew.

SATYRA VI.

Ad MÆCENATEM.

De vera nobilitate.

NON, quia, Mæcenas, Lydorum quidquid Etruſcos
Incoluit fines, nemo generoſior eſt te:
Nec quod avus tibi maternus fuit atque paternus,
Olim qui magnis *(a)* legionibus imperitarint;
Ut plerique ſolent, naſo ſuſpendis adunco
Ignotos, ut me libertino patre natum:
Cum referre negas, quali ſit quiſque parente
Natus, dum ingenuus. perſuades hoc tibi vere,
Ante poteſtatem Tulli, atque ignobile regnum,
Multos ſæpe viros nullis majoribus ortos
Et vixiſſe probos, amplis et honoribus auctos:
Contra, Lævinum, Valeri genus, unde Superbus
Tarquinius *(b)* regno pulſus fugit, unius aſſis
Non unquam precio pluris licuiſſe, notante
Judice, quem, noſti, populo; qui ſtultus honores
Sæpe dat indignis, et famæ ſervit ineptus;
Qui ſtupet in titulis et imaginibus. quid oportet
Nos facere a vulgo *(c)* longe longeque remotos?
Namque eſto; populus Lævino mallet honorem

(*a*) Legionibus imperitarent. (*b*) Regno pulſus fuit. (*c*) Longe lateque remotos.

Quam

SATIRE VI.

To MÆCENAS.

Of true nobility.

O Mæcenas, neither, tho', of all the * Lydians that *ever* inhabited the Tuſcan territories, no one is of a nobler family than yourſelf: neither tho' you have anceſtors both on father and mother's ſide, that in times paſt have had the command of great armies; do you, as the generality are wont, toſs up your noſe at obſcure people, ſuch as me, who had *only* a freed-man for my father: ſince you deny that it is of any conſequence, of what parents any man is born, ſo that he be a man of merit. You perſuade yourſelf with *great* truth, that before the dominion of Tullius, and the † reign of one born a ſlave, frequently numbers of men deſcended from anceſtors of no rank, have both lived *with the reputation of* men of merit, and have been diſtinguiſhed by the greateſt honours: *while* on the other hand Lævinus, the deſcendant of that famous Valerius, by whoſe means Tarquinius Superbus fled, being expelled from his kingdom, was not a farthing more eſteemed *on account of his family, even* in the judgment of the people, whoſe diſpoſition you are *perfectly* acquainted with; *and* who frequently fooliſhly beſtow honours on the unworthy, and are, out of their ſtupidity, ſlaves to a name; who are ſtruck with admiration by inſcriptions and ſtatutes. What *then* is it fitting for us to do, who are far, very far removed from the vulgar *in our ſentiments?* For grant it, that the people had rather confer a dignity on Lævinus, than on Decius,

* *There is tradition that the* Lydians *under* Tyrrhenus, *the ſon of* Hercules, *came into* Italy, *and poſſeſſed themſelves of* Tuſcany.

† *Ignoble, becauſe* Servius Tullius *was the ſon of a female captive.*

Quam Decio mandare novo; censorque moveret
Appius, ingenuo si non essem patre natus;
Vel merito, quoniam in propria non pelle quiessem.
Sed fulgente trahit constrictos gloria curru
Non minus ignotos generosis. (a) quo tibi, Tulli,
Sumere depositum clavum, fierique tribuno?
Invidia accrevit, privato quæ minor esset.
Nam ut quisque insanus nigris medium impediit crus
Pellibus, et latum demisit pectore clavum;
Audit continuo; Quis homo hic est? quo patre natus?
Ut si qui ægrotet quo morbo Barrus, haberi
Et cupiat formosus; eat quacunque, puellis
Injiciat curam quærendi singula; quali
Sit facie, sura, quali pede, dente, capillo:
Sic qui promittit cives, Urbem sibi curæ,
Imperium fore, et Italiam, et delubra Deorum:
Quo patre sit natus, num ignota matre inhonestus,
Omnes mortales curare et quærere cogit.
Tunc Syri, Damæ, aut Dionysi filius, audes
Deficere e saxo cives, aut tradere Cadmo?
At Novius collega gradu post me sedet uno:
Namque est ille, pater quod erat meus. hoc tibi Paulus,
Et Messala videris? at hic, si plostra ducenta,
Concurrantque foro tria funera, magna sonabit
Cornua quod vincatque tubas: saltem tenet hoc nos.

(a) Quo tibi Tilli.

Nunc

who is a * new man; and the cenſor Appius would expel me *the ſenate-houſe*, becauſe I was not ſprung from a ſire of diſtinction; and that too deſervedly; inaſmuch as I reſted not content in my own condition. But *yet* glory captivates in her dazzling car the obſcure as cloſely fetter'd as thoſe of nobler birth. What would it profit you, O Tullius, to reſume the robe that you *were forced* to lay aſide, and become a tribune *again*? Envy increaſed upon you, which had been leſs, if you had remained in a private ſtation. For when any crazy fellow has *once* laced the middle of his leg with the ſable buſkins, and hath let flow the purple robe from his breaſt, he immediately hears; "Who is this "man? Whoſe ſon is he?" Juſt as if there be any one who labours under the ſame diſtemper as Barrus does, and is ambitious of being reckoned handſome; let him go where he will, he excites a curioſity amongſt the girls of enquiring into particulars; as what ſort of face, leg, what ſort of foot, teeth, hair he has? Thus he who engages to his *fellow* citizens to take care of the city, the empire, and Italy, and the ſanctuaries of the Gods, forces every mortal to be ſolicitous, and to interrogate, from what ſire he is deſcended, or whether he is baſe by the obſcurity of his mother. What do you the ſon of a † Syrus, a Dama, or a Dionyſius, dare to caſt down the citizens of Rome from the *Tarpeian* rock, or deliver them up to Cadmus *the executioner*? But, *you may ſay*, my collegue Novius ſits below me by one degree: for he is *only* what my father was. And therefore do you eſteem yourſelf a Paulus or a Meſſala? But he *(Novius)* if two hundred carriages, and three funerals were to meet in the Forum, could make ‡ noiſe enough to drown all their horns and trumpets: this kind *of merit* at leaſt has its weight with us.

* Novus homo, *literally a* new man, *was a term of reproach for an obſcure perſon, or one that was the firſt great man of his family.*

† *Names of ſlaves,*

‡ *Had ſuch a ſtrength of voice. Noiſe is apt to take with the vulgar, and thus he was raiſed, by no other merit, to honours in the ſtate.*

Nunc ad me redeo libertino patre natum;
Quem rodunt omnes libertino patre natum.
Nunc, quia, Mæcenas, tibi sim convictor; at olim,
Quod mihi pareret legio Romana tribuno.
Dissimile hoc illi est: quia non, ut forsit honorem
Jure mihi invideat quivis, ita te quoque amicum;
Præsertim cautum dignos assumere, prava
Ambitione procul. felicem dicere non hoc
Me possum, casu quod te sortitus amicum:
(a) Nulla etenim tibi me sors obtulit. optimus olim
Virgilius, post hunc Varius, dixere quid essem.
Ut veni coram; singultim pauca locutus,
(Infans namque pudor prohibebat plura profari)
Non ego me claro natum patre, non ego circum
Me Satureiano vectari rura caballo,
Sed, quod eram, narro: respondes (ut tuus est mos)
Pauca: abeo: et revocas nono post mense, jubesque
Esse in amicorum numero. magnum hoc ego duco,
Quod placui tibi, qui turpi secernis honestum,
Non patre præclaro, sed vita et pectore puro.

Atqui si vitiis mediocribus ac mea paucis
Mendosa est natura, alioqui recta; (velut si
Egregio inspersos reprendas corpore nævos)
Si neque avaritiam, neque sordes, ac mala lustra
Objiciet vere quisquam mihi; purus et insons,
(Ut me collaudem) si et vivo carus amicis;
Causa fuit pater his: qui macro pauper agello

(a) Nulla etenim mihi te.

Noluit

Now I return to myſelf, who am deſcended from a freed-man; whom every body nibbles at, as being deſcended from a freed-man. Now *they do it*, becauſe, Mæcenas, I am a conſtant gueſt of yours; but formerly *they did it*, becauſe a Roman legion was under my command, as being *then* a *military* tribune. This latter *caſe* is different from the former: for tho' any perſon perhaps might juſtly envy me that poſt of honour, yet could he not do ſo with regard to your being my friend; eſpecially as you are *very* cautious to admit *only* ſuch as are worthy of *your eſteem*; and are far from having any ſiniſter ambitious *views in ſoliciting it*. I cannot reckon myſelf a lucky fellow on this account, *viz.* that 'twas by accident that I got you for my friend; for no kind of accident threw me in your way. That beſt of men, Virgil, long ago, and after him Varius, told you what I was. When firſt I came into your preſence, I ſpoke *only* a few words in a broken manner; (for childiſh baſhfulneſs hindered me from ſpeaking more) I did not *pretend to* tell you that I was the iſſue of an illuſtrious father: I did not *pretend* that I rode about the country (*or*, about my country eſtate) on a * Satureian horſe, but plainly tell what I really was: you anſwer (as your cuſtom is) a few words: I depart: and you re-invite me after the ninth month, and command *me* to be in the number of your friends. I eſteem it a ſingular *honour*, that I pleaſed you, who diſtinguiſh probity from baſeneſs, not by the illuſtrioufneſs of a father, but by the purity of heart and the manner of living.

But if my diſpoſition be culpable for a few faults, and thoſe ſmall ones, *and it* otherwiſe perfect; (as if you ſhould condemn moles ſcattered over a beautiful ſkin) if no one can juſtly lay to my charge avarice, nor ſordidneſs, nor impure purſuits; if, *in fine*, (to ſpeak in my own praiſe) I live undefiled, and innocent, and dear to my friends; my father was the cauſe of all this: who, *tho'* a poor man on a lean farm, was

* Satureium, *or* Saturum, *was a town or diſtrict in* Calabria, *near* Tarentum, *famous for the breed of horſes.*

Noluit in Flavi ludum me mittere; magni
Quo pueri magnis e centurionibus orti,
Lævo suspensi loculos tabulamque lacerto,
Ibant octonis referentes Idibus æra;
Sed puerum est ausus Romam portare, docendum
Artes, quas doceat quivis eques atque senator
Semet prognatos: vestem, servosque sequentes
In magno ut populo si quis vidisset; avita
Ex re præberi sumtus mihi crederet illos.
Ipse mihi custos incorruptissimus omnes
Circum doctores aderat. quid multa? pudicum
(Qui primus virtutis honos) servavit ab omni
Non solum facto, verum opprobrio quoque turpi:
Nec timuit sibi ne vitio quis verteret, olim
Si præco parvas, aut (ut fuit ipse) coactor
Mercedes sequerer; neque ego essem questus. (a) ob hoc nunc
Laus illi debetur, et a me gratia major.
Nil me pœniteat sanum patris hujus: eoque
Non, ut magna dolo factum negat esse suo pars,
Quod non ingenuos habeat clarosque parentes,
Sic me defendam. longe mea discrepat istis
Et vox et ratio. nam si natura juberet
A certis annis ævum remeare peractum,
Atque alios legere ad fastum quoscunque parentes
Optaret sibi quisque: meis contentus, honestos
Fascibus et sellis nollem mihi sumere; demens
Judicio vulgi, sanus fortasse tuo; quod
Nollem onus, haud unquam solitus, portare molestum.
Nam mihi continuo major quærenda foret res,
Atque salutandi plures; ducendus et unus
Et comes alter, uti ne solus rusve peregreve

(a) Ad hæc nunc.

Exirem;

unwilling to send me to a *country* school under the *pedant* Flavius, where great boys sprung from great centurions, having their satchels and copy-book swung over their left arm, went with money in their hands the very day it was due; but had the spirit to bring me, *as yet* a child, to Rome, to be taught those arts which any Roman knight and senator can teach his own children. That if any person had considered my dress, and the slaves that attended me in so populous a city; he would have concluded that those expences were supplied to me out of some *great* hereditary estate. He himself, of all others the most faithful guardian, was constantly about every one of my preceptors. *But* why should I multiply words? He preserved me chaste (which is the first honour of virtue) not only from every actual guilt, but likewise from *every* foul imputation: nor was he afraid lest any should turn it to his reproach, if I should come to follow a business attended with small profits, in capacity of an auctioneer or (what he was himself) a tax-gatherer. Nor *(had that been the case)* should I have complained. On this account the more praise is due to him, and from me a greater degree of gratitude. As long as I am in my senses, I can never be ashamed of such a father as this: and therefore shall not apologize for my *birth*, in the manner that numbers do, by denying it to be a fault of theirs. My language and way of thinking is remotely different from such persons. For if nature was to make us from a certain term of years to go over our past time again, and *suffer us* to chuse other parents, such as every man for ostentation's sake would wish for himself: I, content with my own, wou'd not assume those that are honoured with the ensigns and seats of state; *for this I should seem* a madman in the opinion of the mob, but in your's, I hope, a man of sense; because I would be unwilling to sustain a troublesome burden, being by no means used to it. For I must *then* immediately set about acquiring a larger fortune, and more people must be complimented; and this and that companion must *always* be taken along, that I could neither take a jaunt into the country, or a jour-

Exirem; plures calones atque caballi
Paſcendi; ducenda petorrita. nunc mihi curto
Ire licet mulo, vel, ſi libet, uſque Tarentum;
Mantica cui lumbos onere ulceret, atque eques armos.
Objiciet nemo fordes mihi, *(a)* quas tibi, Tulli,
Cum Tiburte via prætorum quinque ſequuntur
Te pueri, laſanum portantes œnophorumque.
Hoc ego commodius, quam tu, præclare ſenator,
Millibus atque aliis vivo. quacunque libido eſt,
Incedo ſolus: percontor quanti olus, ac far:
Fallacem Circum, veſpertinumque pererro
Sæpe Forum: aſſiſto divinis: inde domum me
Ad porri et ciceris refero laganique catinum.
Cœna miniſtratur pueris tribus: et lapis albus
Pocula cum cyatho duo ſuſtinet: adſtat echinus
Vilis, cum patera guttus, Campana ſupellex.
Deinde eo dormitum; non ſolicitus, mihi quod cras
Surgendum ſit mane, obeundus Marſya, qui ſe
Vultum ferre negat Noviorum poſſe minoris.
Ad quartam jaceo: poſt hanc vagor, aut *(b)* ego lecto,
Aut ſcripto quod me tacitum juvet. ungor olivo,
Non quo fraudatis immundus Natta lucernis.
Aſt ubi me feſſum ſol acrior ire lavatum
Admonuit, *(c)* fugio rabioſi tempora ſigni.
Pranſus non avide, quantum interpellet inani

(*a*) Quas tibi Tilli. (*b*) Ego, lecto aut ſcripto quod me tacitum juvet, ungor Olivo, *Diſparent hæc verba, ih participia migrantia, ſuntque Abl. caſus abſol. poſ.* AINS. (*c*) Campum luſumque trigonem.

Ventre

ney by myſelf; more domeſticks and more horſes muſt be fed; coaches *too* muſt be drawn *in train*. Now, if I pleaſe, I can go as far as Tarentum on my bob-tail'd muſe, whoſe loins the portmanteau galls with its weight, as does the *awkward* horſeman his ſhoulders. *Yet, for all this*, no one can lay to my charge ſuch ſordidneſs as he may, Tullius, to you, when five ſlaves follow you, a prætor, along the Tiburtian way, carrying a travelling kitchen, and a * veſſel of wine. Thus I live more comfortably, O illuſtrious ſenator, than you, and than thouſands of others. Wherever I have a fancy, I walk by myſelf: I enquire into the price of herbs and bread: I traverſe the † tricking Circus, and the Forum often in the evening: I ſtand liſtening amongſt the fortune-tellers: thence I take myſelf home to a plate of onions, pulſe, and pan-cakes. My ſupper is ſerved up by three ſlaves: and a white ſtone *ſlab* ſupports two cups and a tumbler: near them ſtands a homely ewer, and a cruet with a little bowl, *all* earthen ware from Campania. Then I go to reſt; by no means concern'd becauſe I muſt riſe in the morning, and pay a viſit to *the ſtatue of* ‡ Marſyas, who *abſolutely* diſclaims that he is able to bear the look of the younger Novius. I lie a-bed to the fourth hour: after that I take a ramble, or I write or read what may amuſe me in my privacy. I am anointed with oil, but not with ſuch as the naſty *niggard* Natta is, when he robs the lamps. But when the ſun, become more violent, has reminded me to go to bathe, I eſcape the hour of his ſcorching influence. Having dined in a temperate manner, juſt enough to hinder me from having an empty ſtomach

* *In order to prevent the expence of ſtopping at the inns.*

† *The reſort of the cheating augurs and fortune-tellers.*

‡ *The ſtatue of* Marſyas, *the ſatyr, who contended with* Apollo, *and was ſlayed for his preſumption, was erected in the Forum, oppoſite the ſeat of the magiſtrates; and the poet pleaſantly goes on to ſay, it ſtood in ſuch an attitude, as ſhewed its indignation to behold a man, who had been a ſlave, now ſitting among the magiſtrates of* Rome. *The ſatyr, in his reſentment at ſuch a ſight, forgets the pain of his being ſlay'd alive. This was likewiſe the uſual place of bankers.*

during

Ventre diem durare, domesticus otior. hæc est
Vita solutorum misera ambitione gravique.
His me consolor, victurum suevius, ac si
Quæstor avus, pater atque meus patruusque fuissent.

SATYRA VII.

Rupilii et Persii rixam facete describit.

Proscripti Regis Rupili pus atque venenum
Hybrida quo pasto sit Persius ultus, opinor
Omnibus et lippis notum et tonsoribus esse.
Persius hic permagna negotia dives habebat
Clazomenis, etiam lites cum Rege molestas;
Durus homo, atque odio qui posset vincere Regem;
Confidens, tumidus, adeo sermonis amari,
Sisennas, Barros ut equis præcurreret albis.

Ad Regem redeo. postquam nihil inter utrumque
Convenit; (hoc etenim sunt omnes jure molesti,
Quo fortes, quibus adversum bellum incidit. inter
Hectora Priamiden, animosum atque inter Achillem
Ira fuit capitalis, ut ultima divideret mors;
Non aliam ob causam, nisi quod virtus in utroque
Summa fuit, duo si (a) discordia vexet inertes;

(a) Discordia verset inertes.

Aut

during *the* rest of the day, I trifle in my own house. This is the life of those, who are free from wretched and burthensome ambition: with such things as these I comfort myself, in a way to live more delightfully than if my grandfather had been a quæstor *, and father and uncle too.

SATIRE VII.

He humourously describes a squabble betwixt Rupilius and Persius.

IN what manner the † mongrel Persius revenged the filth and venom of Rupilius, surnamed King, is, I think, known to all the blind and barbers *in Rome*. This Persius, being a man of fortune, had a very great business at ‡ Clazomene, and, into the bargain, *certain* troublesome litigations with King; a harden'd fellow, and one who was able to exceed *even* King in virulence; confident, blustering, *and* of such a bitterness of speech, that he would out-strip the ‖ Sisennæ and and Barri, if ever so well equipt § *for the purpose*.

But I return to King. After nothing could be settled betwixt them; (for people amongst whom adverse war breaks out, are proportionably vexatious on the same account as they are brave. Thus between Hector, the son of Priam, and the high-spirited Achilles, the rage was of so capital a nature, that only the final destruction *of one of them*, could determine it; *and this* on no other account than that valour in each of them was consummate. If discord sets two cowards to work; or if an engagement happens between two

* *The quæstorship was a place of great honour and profit.*

† Persius *was a* Greek *by his father, and an* Italian *by his mother.*

‡ *A city of the lesser* Asia.

‖ Sisennæ *and* Barri *were infamous in all respects, but especially for virulence of speech.*

§ *On white horses; a proverbial expression: white horses were deemed the swiftest.*

that

Aut ſi diſparibus bellum incidat, ut Diomedi
Cum Lycio Glauco; diſcedat pigrior, ultro
Muneribus miſſis) Bruto prætore tenente
Ditem Aſiam, Rupili et Perſi par pugnat; uti non
(a) Compoſitus melius cum Bitho Bacchius. in jus
Acres procurrunt; magnum ſpectaculum uterque.

Perſius exponit cauſam; ridetur ab omni
Conventu; laudat Brutum, laudatque cohortem;
Solem Aſiæ Brutum appellat, ſtellaſque ſalubres
Appellat comites, excepto Rege: canem illum,
Inviſum agricolis ſidus, veniſſe: ruebat
Flumen ut hibernum, fertur quo rara ſecuris.

Tum Prænestinus (b) ſalſo multoque fluenti
Expreſſa arbuſto regerit convicia, durus
Vindemiator, et invictus, cui ſæpe viator
Ceſſiſſet, magna compellans voce cucullum.

At Græcus, poſtquam eſt Italo perfuſus aceto,
Perſius, exclamat: per magnos, Brute, Deos te
Oro, qui reges conſueris tollere, cur non
Hunc Regem jugulas? operum hoc, mihi crede, tuorum eſt.

(a) Compoſiti melius. (b) Salſo multumque fluenti.

that are not of a match, as * that of Diomed and the Lycian Glaucus; the worſe man will walk off, *buying his peace* by ſending preſents) when Brutus held, as prætor, the fertile Aſia, this *notable* pair, Rupilius and Perſius encountered, in ſuch a manner, that *the gladiator* Bacchius was never better matched with Bithus. Impetuous they hurry to the cauſe; each of them a fine fight.

Perſius *firſt* opens his caſe; and is laugh'd at by all the aſſembly; he extols Brutus, and extols the guard; he ſtiles Brutus the ſun of Aſia, and his attendants he ſtiles ſalutary ſtars, all except King: that he, *he ſays*, came like that dog, the conſtellation hateful to huſbandmen: *in ſhort*, he pour'd along like a wintry flood, where the ax ſeldom comes.

Then upon his running on in ſo ſmart and fluent a manner, the Præneſtine *King* directs ſome witticiſms ſqueezed from the vineyard, himſelf a hardy vine-dreſſer, never defeated; to whom the paſſenger had been often obliged to yield, bawling cuckow with roaring voice.

But the Grecian Perſius, as ſoon as he had been *well* ſprinkled with Italian vinegar, bellows out: O Brutus, by the great Gods I conjure you, who art accuſtomed to take off † kings, why do you not diſpatch this King? Believe me, this is a piece of work which of right belongs to you.

* Homer's *Iliad*, *book the fourth*.

† *It was an hereditary glory in the family of* Brutus *to aboliſh tyranny and puniſh tyrants.*

SATIRE

SATYRA VIII.

Conqueritur Priapus Esquilinum montem venefaarum incantationibus infestari.

OLIM truncus eram ficulnus, inutile lignum:
Cum faber incertus scamnum faceret ne Priapum,
Maluit esse Deum. Deus inde ego, furum aviumque
Maxima formido: nam fures dextra coercet,
Obscœnoque ruber porrectus ab inguine palus:
Ast importunas volucres in vertice arundo
Terret fixa, vetatque novis considere in hortis.
Huc prius angustis ejecta cadavera cellis
Conservus vili portanda locabat in arca.
Hoc miseræ plebi stabat commune sepulcrum,
Pantolabo scurræ, Nomentanoque nepoti.
Mille pedes in fronte, trecentos cippus in agrum
Hic dabat; heredes monumentum ne sequeretur.
Nunc licet Esquiliis habitare salubribus, atque
Aggere in aprico spatiari; quo *(a)* modo tristes
Albis informem spectabant ossibus agrum:
Cum mihi non tantum furesque, feraeque suetæ
Hunc vexare locum, curæ sunt atque labori,
Quantum carminibus quæ verfant atque venenis
Humanos animos. has nullo perdere possum
Nec prohibere modo, simul ac vaga luna decorum
Protulit os, quin ossa legant, herbasque nocentes.

(a) Qua modo tristes. *Rutil.*

SATIRE VIII.

Priapus *complains that the* Eſquilian *mount is infeſted with the incantations of the ſorcereſſes.*

FORMERLY I was the trunk of a wild fig-tree, an uſeleſs log: when the artificer, in doubt whether he ſhould make a ſtool or a * Priapus of me, determined *at laſt* that I ſhould be a God. Henceforward I *became* a God, the greateſt terror of thieves and birds: for my right hand reſtrains thieves, and a bloody-looking pole is ſtretched out from my frightful middle: but a reed fixed upon the crown of my head terrifies the miſchievous birds, and hinders them from ſettling in *theſe* new gardens. Before this, the fellow-ſlave bore dead corpſes thrown out of their narrow cells to this place, in order to be depoſited in paltry coffins. This place ſtood a common ſepulchre for the miſerable mob, for the buffoon Pantolabus, and Nomentanus the rake. Here a column aſſigned a thouſand feet *of ground* in front, *and* three hundred towards the fields; that the burial-place ſhould not deſcend to the heirs of the eſtate. Now one may live in the Eſquiliæ, *ſince it is* † *made* an healthy place, and walk upon an open terraſs; where lately the melancholy *paſſengers* beheld the ground frightful with white bones: tho' both the thieves and wild beaſts uſed to infeſt this place, *put together*, do not occaſion me ſo much care and trouble, as do *theſe hags*, that turn peoples minds by their incantations and drugs. Theſe I cannot by any means deſtroy nor hinder, but that they will gather bones and noxious herbs, as ſoon as the fleeting moon has ſhewn forth her beauteous face.

* *He was the ſon of* Bacchus *and* Venus, *and preſided over, and was a protector to the gardens. In fact, he was nothing but a ſcare-crow.*

† *By* Mæcenas.

I my-

Vidi egomet nigra succinctam vadere palla
Canidiam, pedibus nudis, passoque capillo,
Cum Sagana majore ululantem. pallor utrasque
Fecerat horrendas aspectu. scalpere terram
Unguibus, et pullum divellere mordicus agnam
Cœperunt. cruor in fossam confusus, ut inde
Manes elicerent, animas responsa daturas.
Lanea et effigies erat, altera cerea: major
Lanea, quæ pœnis compesceret inferiorem.
Cerea suppliciter stabat, *(a)* servilibus, utque
Jam peritura, modis. Hecaten vocat altera, sævam
Altera Tisiphonen. serpentes, atque videres
Infernas errare canes; lunamque rubentem,
Ne foret his testis, post magna latere sepulcra.
Mentior at si quid, merdis caput inquiner albis
Corvorum; atque in me veniant mistum atque cacatum
Julius, et fragilis Pediatia, furque Voranus.
Singula quid memorem? quo pacto alterna loquentes
Umbræ cum Sagana resonarent *(b)* triste et acutum?
Utque lupi barbam variæ cum dente colubræ
Abdiderint furtim terris, et imagine cerea
Largior arserit ignis? et ut non testis inultus
Horruerim voces Furiarum et facta duarum?
Nam, disploса sonat quantum versica, pepedi
Diffissa nate ficus. at illæ currere in urbem:
Canidiæ dentes, altum Saganæ caliendrum
Excidere, atque herbas, atque incantata lacertis
Vincula, cum magno risuque jocoque videres.

(*a*) Servilibus ut quæ. (*b*) Resonarint. *Bentl.*

I myſelf ſaw Canidia, with her ſable garment tucked up, walk with bare feet and diſhevelled hair, yelling together with the elder Sagana. Paleneſs had render'd each of them horrible to behold. They began to claw up the earth with their nails, and to tear a black ewe-lamb to pieces with their teeth. The blood was poured into a ditch, that from thence they might charm out the ſhades of the dead, ghoſts that were to give them anſwers. There was a woollen effigy too, another of wax: the woollen one larger, which was to inflict *ſome ſort of* puniſhment on the little one *of wax*. The waxen ſtood in a ſuppliant poſture, as ready to periſh in a ſervile manner. One of the hags invokes Hecate, and the other fell Tiſiphone. Then might you ſee ſerpents and infernal bitches crawl about *them*; and the moon with bluſhes withdrawing behind the lofty monuments, that ſhe might not be a witneſs to theſe *infamous doings*.—But if I lie, even a tittle, *about this affair*, may my head be contaminated with the white filth of ravens; and may Julius, and the effeminate *Miſs* Pediatius, and the knave Voranus come to urine upon me, and befoul me. Why ſhould I mention every particular? *viz.* in what manner, ſpeaking alternately with Sagana, the ghoſts uttered diſmal and piercing ſhrieks; and how clandeſtinely they hid in the earth a wolf's beard, with the teeth of a ſpotted ſnake; and *how* great a blaze flamed forth from the waxen image? And how I was ſhocked at the voices and actions of theſe two furies, a ſpectator however by no means incapable of revenge? For from my * cleft bum of fig-tree I let a fart, which made as great an exploſion as a burſten bladder. But they *immediately* ran into the city: and *then*, with exceeding laughter and diverſion might you have ſeen Canidia's artifical teeth, *and* Sagana's towering tete of falſe hair falling off, and the herbs, and the inchanted bracelets from her arms.

* *The wood of which he was made, not being perfectly dry, his godſhip burſt: the witches took the crack for what the poet ſays it was, and the god beaſt, as a ſignal mark of his vengeance.*

SATYRA IX.

Quantas ab importuni hominis loquacitate exsorbendas habuerit molestias.

IBAM *(a)* forte via sacra, sicut meus est mos,
Nescio quid meditans nugarum, et totus in illis.
Accurrit quidam notus mihi nomine tantum;
Arreptaque manu, Quid agis, dulcissime rerum?
Suaviter, ut nunc est, inquam; et cupio omnia quæ vis.
Cum assectaretur; numquid vis? occupo. at ille.
Noris nos, inquit: docti sumus. Hîc ego, Pluris
Hoc, inquam, mihi eris. Misere discedere quærens,
Ire modo ocius, interdum consistere, in aurem
Dicere nescio quid puero. cum sudor ad imos
Manaret talos; O te, Bollane, cerebri
Felicem, aiebam tacitus. cum quidlibet ille
Garriret, vicos, urbem laudaret; ut illi
Nil respondebam; misere cupis, inquit, abire:
Jamdudum video: sed nil agis: usque tenebo:
(b) Persequar hinc, quo nunc iter est tibi? nil opus est te
Circumagi: quendam volo visere non tibi notum:
Trans Tiberim longe cubat is, prope Cæsaris hortos.
Nil habeo quod agam, et non sum piger; usque sequar te.
Demitto auriculas, ut iniquæ mentis asellus,
Cum gravius dorso subiit onus. incipit ille:
Si bene me novi, non Viscum pluris amicum,
Non Varium facies; nam quis me scribere plures

(*a*) Ibam ut forte via sacra. *Bentl.* (*b*) Prosequar hinc.

SATIRE IX.

He describes his sufferings from the loquacity of an impertinent fellow.

I Was accidentally going along the Via Sacra, meditating on some trifle or other, as is my custom, and totally intent upon it. A certain person, known to me by name only, runs up; and having seized my hand, "How do you do, my dearest man alive?" Tolerably well, says I, as times go; and I wish *you* every thing you can desire. When *I perceived* he *still* follow'd me; Would you any thing? says I to him. But he, "* You know me, says he: I am a man of "learning." Upon this account, says I, you'll have more of my esteem. Wanting sadly to get away from him, sometimes I walked on apace, now and then I stopt, *and* whispered something to my boy. When the sweat ran down to the bottom of my ancles; O, says I to myself, † Bolanus, how happy are you in a head-piece! Mean while he kept prating on any thing that came uppermost, praised the streets, the city; and when I made him no answer; "You want terribly "says he, to get away: I perceived it long ago: but "you are never the nearer: I shall stick close to you: "I shall follow you hence: where are you at present "bound for?" There is no need for your being carried so much about: I want to see a person who is unknown to you; he lives a great way off across the Tiber, just by Cæsar's gardens. "I have nothing to "do, and am not lazy; I will attend you thither." I hang down my ears like a surly ass, when an heavier load than ordinary is put upon his back. He begins again: "If I am tolerably acquainted with myself, "you will not esteem Viscus, or Varius, as a friend, "more than me; for who can write more verses, or "in a shorter time than I? Who can move his limbs

* Or, *but, says he, you know me.*

† *Nothing is recorded of him, but that he was either a very choleric or a very stupid fellow. The latter sense is preferred.*

Aut citius poſſit verſus? quis membra movere
Mollius? invideat quod & Hermogenes, ego canto.

Interpellandi locus hic erat: eſt tibi mater,
Cognati, queis te ſalvo eſt opus? Haud mihi quiſquam!
Omnes compoſui. Felices! nunc ego reſto.
Confice: namque inſtat fatum mihi triſte, Sabella,
Quod puero cecinit divina mota anus urna;
Hunc neque dira venena, nec hoſticus auferet enſis,
Nec laterum dolor, aut tuſſis, nec tarda podagra;
Garrulus hunc quando conſumet cunque: loquaces,
Si ſapiat, vitet, ſimul atque adoleverit ætas.

Ventum erat ad Veſtæ, quarta jam parte diei
Præterita: & caſu tunc reſpondere *(a)* vadato
Debebat; quod ni feciſſet, perdere litem.
Si me amas, inquit, paulum hic ades. Inteream, ſi
Aut valeo ſtare, aut novi civilia jura:
Et propero quo ſcis. Dubius ſum, quid faciam inquit;
Tene relinquam, an rem. Me ſodes. Non faciam, ille;
Et præcedere cœpit. ego (ut contendere durum eſt
Cum victore) ſequor. Mæcenas quomodo tecum?
Hinc repetit. Paucorum hominum, & mentis bene ſanæ.
Nemo dexterius fortuna eſt uſus. haberes
Magnum adjutorem, poſſet qui ferre ſecundas,
Hunc hominem velles ſi tradere: diſpeream, ni
Summoſſes omnes. *(b)* Non iſto vivitur illic,
Quo tu rere modo: domus hac nec purior ulla eſt,
Nec magis his aliena malis. *(c)* nil mi officit inquam,
Ditior hic, aut eſt quia doctior: eſt locus uni-

(a) Vadatus. *Bentl.* *(b)* Non iſto vivimus illic. *(b)* Nil mi officit unquam.

Cuique

" with ſofter grace *in the dance?* And then I ſing, that " even Hermogenes may envy me."

Here there was an opportunity of interrupting him: have you, *Sir*, a mother, *or any* relations, that are intereſted in your welfare? " Not one have I: I have " buried them all." Happy *they!* now I remain. Diſpatch *me:* for the fatal moment is at hand, which an old Sabine ſorcereſs, having ſhaken her divining urn, foretold when I was a boy: " This *child*, neither " ſhall cruel poiſon, nor the hoſtile ſword, nor the " crippling gout, nor pleuriſy, nor cough deſtroy; " a babbler ſhall one day demoliſh him: if he is wiſe, " let him avoid talkative people, as ſoon as he comes " to man's eſtate."

One fourth of the day being now paſt, we came to Veſta's; and, as good luck would have it, he was obliged to appear to his recognizance; which unleſs he did, he *muſt have* loſt his cauſe. " If you love me, " ſays he, ſtep in here a little." May I die, if I be either able to ſtand it out, or have any knowledge of the civil laws: and beſides, I am in a hurry, you know whither. " I am in doubt what I ſhall do, ſays " he; whether deſert you, or my cauſe." *Me*, I beg of you, *Sir*. " I will not do it," ſays he, and began to take the lead of me. I (as it is difficult to contend with one's maſter) follow him. " How ſtands it with " Mæcenas and you?" Thus he begins his prate again. " He's one of few intimates, and of a very " wiſe way of thinking. No man ever made uſe of " opportunities with more cleverneſs. You ſhould " have a powerful aſſiſtant, who could play an under- " part, if you were diſpoſed to recommend * this man: " may I periſh, if you wou'd not ſupplant all the " reſt." We do not live there in the manner you imagine: there is not a houſe *in Rome* that is freer or more remote from evils † of this nature. It is never of any diſſervice to me, that any particular perſon is wealthier or a better ſcholar than I am: every indi-

* *Pointing to himſelf.*

† *Family broils and jealouſies.*

Cuique suus. Magnum narras, vix credibile. Atqui
Sic habet. Accendis quare cupiam magis illi
Proximus esse. Velis tantummodo: quæ tua virtus,
Expugnabis: et est qui vinci possit; eoque
Difficiles aditus primos habet. Haud mihi deero:
Muneribus servos corrumpam; non, hodie si
Exclusus fuero, desistam; tempora quæram;
Occurram in triviis; deducam. nil sine magno
Vita labore dedit mortalibus. Hæc dum agit, ecce
Fuscus Aristius occurrit, mihi carus, et illum
Qui pulchre nosset. consistimus. Unde venis? et
Quo tendis? rogat, et respondet. vellere cœpi,
Et prensare manu lentissima brachia, nutans,
Distorquens oculos, ut me eriperet. male sulsus
Ridens dissimulare: meum jecur urere bilis.
Certe nescio quid secreto velle loqui te
Aiebas mecum. Memini bene; sed meliori
Tempore dicam: hodie tricesima sabbata. vin' tu
Curtis Judæis oppedere? Nulla mihi, inquam,
Religio est. At mi: sum paulo infirmior, unus
Multorum. ignoscès: alias loquar. Hunccine solem
Tam nigrum surrexe mihi? Fugit improbus, ac me
Sub cultro linquit. casu venit obvius illi
Adversarius: et, Quo tu, turpissime? magna

Exela-

vidual has his proper rank. "You tell me a marvel-
"lous thing, ſcarcely credible." But it is even ſo.
"You the more inflame my deſires to be near his per-
"ſon." You need only to be inclined to it: ſuch is your merit, you will accompliſh it: and he is *very* capable of being won; and on that account the firſt acceſs to him he makes difficult. "I will not be want-
"ing to myſelf: I will corrupt his ſervants with pre-
"ſents; if I am excluded to-day, I will not deſiſt; I
"will ſeek *proper* opportunities; I will meet him in
"the public ſtreets; I will wait upon him home.
"This world allows nothing to mortals without great
"labour." While he was running on at this rate, lo, Fuſcus Ariſtius comes up, a dear friend of mine, and one who knew the fellow well. We make a ſtop.
"Whence come you? Whither are you going?" He aſks and anſwers. I began to twitch him *by the elbow*, and to take hold of his arms *that were affectedly* paſſive, nodding and diſtorting my eyes, that he might reſcue me. Cruelly arch he laughs, and pretends not to take the hint: anger galled my liver. Certainly, *ſays I, Fuſcus*, you mentioned, that you wanted to communicate ſomething to me in private. "I re-
"member it very well; but will tell it you at a better
"opportunity: to-day is the the thirtieth * ſabbath.
"Would you affront the circumciſed Jews?" I reply, that I had no ſcruple of conſcience *on that account*.
"But I have: I am ſomething weaker, one of the
"multitude. You muſt forgive me: I will ſpeak with
"you at another time." And hath this ſun aroſe ſo diſaſtrous upon me? The wicked rogue runs away, and leaves me under the harrow. *But* by *good* luck his adverſary met † him: and "whither *are* you *go-*
"*ing*, you infamous fellow?" roars he with a loud

* *The* Jews *began their year the firſt of* September, *and celebrated their Paſſover about the middle of* April, *at the expiration of* thirty weeks. *It continued eight days, the two firſt and two laſt of which, it was not permitted amongſt them even to* talk *upon buſineſs.*

† *The impertinent fellow.*

Exclamat voce: et, Licet anteſtari? Ego vero
Oppono auriculam. rapit in jus: clamor utrinque,
Undique concurſus. ſic me ſervavit Apollo.

SATYRA X.

Suum de Lucilio judicium tuetur, & egregia ſcribendarum ſatyrarum præcepta aſpergit.

NEMPE incompoſito dixi pede currere verſus
Lucili. quis tam Lucili fautor inepte eſt,
Ut non hoc fateatur? at idem, quod ſale multo
Urbem defricuit, charta laudatur eadem.
Nec tamen hoc tribuens, dederim quoque cætera; nam ſic
Et Laberi mimos, ut pulchra poemata, mirer.
Ergo non ſatis eſt riſu diducere rictum
Auditoris: et eſt quædam tamen hic quoque virtus.
Eſt brevitate opus, ut currat ſententia, neu ſe
Impediat verbis laſſas onerantibus aures:
Et ſermone opus eſt, modo triſti, ſæpe jocoſo,
Defendente vicem modo rhetoris, atque poetæ,
Interdum urbani parcentis viribus, atque
Extenuantis eas conſulto. ridiculum acri
Fortius et melius magnas plerumque ſecat res.
Illi, ſcripta quibus comœdia priſca viris eſt
Hoc ſtabant, hoc ſunt imitandi: quos neque pulcher

Hermo-

voice: And, "do you witneſs the arreſt?" I *inſtantly* * aſſent. He hurries him into court: there is a great clamour on both ſides, *and* a mob *came up* from all parts. Thus Apollo preſerved me.

SATIRE X.

He ſupports the judgment he had before given of Lucilius, *and interſperſes ſome excellent precepts for the writing Satire.*

TO be ſure I did † ſay that the verſes of Lucilius did not run ſmoothly. Who is ſo fooliſhly fond of Lucilius, that he would not own this? But the ſame *writer* is applauded in the ſame ſatire, on account of his having laſhed the town with great humour. Nevertheleſs, granting him this, I will not therefore give up other *conſiderations*; for at that rate I might even admire the farces of Laberius, as fine poems. Wherefore it is by no means ſufficient to make an auditor grin with laughter: and yet there is ſome degree of merit even in this. There is a conciſeneſs requiſite, that the ſentence may run *off*, nor embarraſs itſelf in a *multiplicity* of words, that overload the fated ear: and ſometimes a grave, frequently a jocoſe ſtile is neceſſary, ſupporting the character one while of the orator, and *at another* of the poet, now and then that of a graceful rallier, that curbs the force of his pleaſantry, and weakens it on purpoſe. For ridicule often decides matters of importance more effectually, and in a better manner, than the ſevere. Thoſe *poets* by whom the ancient comedy was wrote, ſtood upon this *foundation*, and in this are they worthy of imitation: whom neither the ſmooth-faced Hermogenes ever read,

* *Literally*, "*Loffer my ear*" *for the perſon to touch*; *which was a particular form on theſe occaſions, and without which the perſon called on was not obliged to appear. The reaſon of this* Pliny *gives*, Eſt in aure ima memoriæ locus, quam tangentes atteſtamur.

† *See Satire the fourth of this book, verſe the eleventh.*

Hermogenes unquam legit, neque ſimius iſte,
Nil præter Calvum et doctus cantare Catullum.

At magnum fecit, quod verbis Græca Latinis
Miſcuit. O ſeri ſtudiorum! quine putetis
Difficile et mirum, Rhodio quod Pitholeonti
Contigit? At ſermo lingua concinnus utraque
Suavior, ut Chio nota ſi commiſta Falerni eſt.
Cum verſus facias, teipſum percontor, an, et cum
Dura tibi peragenda rei ſit cauſa Petilli,
Scilicet oblitus (a) patriæque patriſque, Latine
Cum Pedius cauſas exſudet, Poplicola, atque
Corvinus; patriis intermiſcere petita
Verba foris malis, Canuſini more bilinguis?
Atqui ego cum Græcos facerem, natus mare citra,
Verſiculos; vetuit me tali voce Quirinus
Poſt mediam noctem viſus, cum ſomnia vera:
In ſilvam non ligna feras inſanius, ac ſi
Magnas Græcorum malis implere catervas.

Turgidus Alpinus jugulat dum Memnona, dumque
(b) Diffingit Rheni luteum caput, hæc ego ludo;
Quæ nec in æde ſonent certantia, judice Tarpa,
Nec redeant iterum atque iterum ſpectanda theatris.
Arguta meretrice potes, Davoque Chremeta
Eludente ſenem, comis garrire libellos,
Unos vivorum, Fundani: Pollio regum

(a) Patriæ patriſque Latini. (b) Defingit Rheni lutei.

Facta

nor that * baboon who is ſkilled in nothing but ſinging *the wanton compoſitions of* Calvus and Catullus.

But *Lucilius*, *ſay they*, did a great thing, when he intermixed Greek words with Latin. O late-learned *dunces!* what do you think that arduous and admirable, which was done by Pitholeo the Rhodian? But *(ſtill they cry)* the ſtile elegantly compoſed of both tongues is the more pleaſant, as if the † Falernian wine is mixed with Chian. When you make verſes, I aſk you this queſtion, were you to undertake the difficult cauſe of the ‡ accuſed Petillus, whether, for inſtance, forgetful of your country and your father's *language*, while Pedius, Poplicola, and Corvinus, elaborately pleaded againſt you in Latin; would you chuſe to intermix words borrowed from abroad, like the ‖ double-tongued Canuſinian? But as for myſelf, who was born on this ſide the water, when I was upon making Greek verſes; Romulus appearing to me after midnight, when dreams are true, forbad me in words to this effect: "You cou'd not be guilty of more folly "by carrying timber into a wood, than if you are de"ſirous to throng in amongſt the great crouds of Gre"cian writers."

Therefore while the bombaſtical Alpinus murders *poor* § Memnon, and while he deforms the ¶ muddy ſource of the Rhine, I amuſe myſelf with theſe *ſatires*; which can neither be recited in the temple *of Apollo*, as conteſting for the prize, when Tarpa preſides as judge, nor can have a run over and over again repreſented in the theatre. You, O Fundanius, of all men breathing, are the moſt capable of prattling tales

* Demetrius, *a poet and actor, very remarkable for his deformity.*

† *One of theſe wines was ſweet, and the other rough, conſequently they drank beſt mixed.*

‡ *See ſatire the fourth, verſe ninety-fourth, of this book.*

‖ Canuſium *was a town of* Apulia, *whoſe inhabitants were of* Grecian *extraction, and ſpoke (as a modern would ſay) broken* Latin.

§ *The name of a wretched tragedy, wrote by this* Alpinus.

¶ *In his wretched deſcription of it; the name of the river in the* Celtic *language, ſignifying* pure.

Facta canit pede ter percuſſo: ſorte epos acer,
Ut nemo, Varius ducit: molle atque facetum
Virgilio annuerunt gaudentes rure Camenæ.
Hoc erat, experto fruſtra Varrone Atacino,
Atque quibuſdam aliis, melius quod ſcribere poſſem;
Inventore minor: neque ego illi detrahere auſim
Hærentem capiti multa cum laude coronam.

At dixi fluere hunc lutulentum, ſæpe ferentem
Plura quidem tollenda relinquendis. age, quæſo,
Tu nihil in magno doctus reprendis Homero?
Nil comis tragici mutat Lucilius Acci?
Non ridet verſus Enni gravitate minores?
Cum de ſe loquitur, non ut majore reprenſis.
Quid vetat et noſmet Lucili ſcripta legentes,
Quærere num illius, num rerum dura negarit
Verſiculos natura magis factos, et euntes
Mollius, ac ſi quis, pedibus quid claudere ſenis
(Hoc tantum) contentus, amet ſcripſiſſe ducentos
Ante cibum verſus, totidem cœnatus? Etruſci
Quale fuit Caſſi rapido ferventius amni
Ingenium; capſis quem fama eſt eſſe libriſque
Ambuſtum propriis. fuerit Lucilius, inquam,
Comis et urbanus; fuerit limatior idem,

in a comic vein, how an artful courtezan, and a Davus impose upon an old Chremes: Pollio sings the actions of kings in * Iambic measure: the sublime Varius composes the manly Epic, in a manner that no one can *equal: And* to Virgil the muses that delight in rural scenes have granted the † delicate and the elegant. It was this kind *of satiric writing*, the Atacinian Varro and some others having attempted it without success, which I may have some slight merit in; inferior to the inventor: nor would I presume to pull off the *laurel* crown, placed upon his brow with *such* great applause.

But I said that he flowed muddily, frequently carrying along more things which certainly ought to be taken away than left. Be it so; do you, who are a great scholar, find no fault with any thing in the great Homer, I pray? Does the facetious Lucilius make no alterations in the tragedies of Accius? Does not *the same poet* ridicule many of Ennius's verses, which are too light for the gravity *of the subject?* When *at the same time* he speaks of himself, by no means as superior to what he blames. What *therefore* should hinder me likewise, while I am reading the works of Lucilius, from enquiring whether 'tis his *genius*, or the difficult nature of his subject, that will not suffer his verses to be more finished, and to run more smoothly, than if any one, thinking it sufficient (attending to this only) to conclude a something of six feet, be fond of writing two hundred verses before he eats, and as many after supper? Such was the genius of the Tuscan Cassius, more impetuous than a rapid river; who, as it is *currently* reported, was burnt *at the funeral pile* with *the fuel of* his own books and papers. Let it be allowed, I say, that Lucilius was an humourous and polite writer; that he was also more correct than

* *Had three measures, each consisting of two feet. Hence sometimes* senarii, *and sometimes* trimetra.

† *The* Æneid *was not published when this satire was wrote.*

Quam rudis, et Græcis intacti carminis auctor,
Quamque poetarum seniorum turba; sed ille,
Si foret hoc nostrum fato dilatus in ævum,
Detereret sibi multa: recideret omne, quod ultra
Perfectum traheretur; et in versu faciendo
Sæpe caput scaberet, vivos et roderet ungues.

Sæpe stylum vertas, iterum quæ digna legi sint
Scripturus: neque te ut miretur turba, labores,
Contentus paucis lectoribus. an tua demens
Vilibus in ludis dictari carmina malis?
Non ego. nam satis est equitem mihi plaudere: ut audax,
Contemptis aliis, explosa Arbuscula dixit.
Men' moveat cimex Pantilius? *(a)* aut cruciet, quod
Vellicet absentem Demetrius! aut quod ineptus
Fannius Hermogenis lædat conviva Tigelli?
Plotius, et Varius, Mæcenas, Virgiliusque,
Valgius, et probet hæc Octavius, optimus atque
Fuscus; et hæc utinam Viscorum laudet uterque:
Ambitione relegata, te dicere possum,
Pollio; te, Messala, tuo cum fratre; simulque
Vos *(b)* Bibuli, et Servi; simul his te, candide Furni;
Complures alios, doctos ego quos et amicos
Prudens prætereo: quibus hæc, sint qualiacunque,

(*a*) Aut crucier quod. (*b*) Vos Bibule, et Servi. *Heins.*

Arridere

Ennius, the author of a *kind* of poetry *not yet* well cultivated, nor at all attempted by the Grecians, and *more correct likewise* than the tribe of *our* old poets: but yet he, if he had been brought down by the Fates to this age of our's, wou'd have retrenched a great deal from his writings: he would have prun'd off every thing that shou'd transgress the limits of perfection; and, in the composition of verses, would often have scratched his head, and bit his nails to the quick.

You that intend to write, what is worthy to be read more than once, * blot frequently: and take no pains to make the multitude admire you, content with the few *judicious* readers. What, wou'd you be such a fool as to be ambitious that your verses should be taught in petty schools? That is not my case. It is enough for me that the knight Mæcenas applaud: as the courageous *actress* Arbuscula expressed herself, in contempt of the rest of the audience, when she was hissed *by the populace*. What, shall that grub-worm Pantilius have any effect on me? Or can I be vexed, that Demetrius carps at me behind my back! or because the trifler Fannius, that hanger-on to Hermogenes Tigellius, *attempts* to hurt me? May Plotius, Varius, Mæcenas, and Virgil, Valgius, and Octavius approve these *satires*, and the excellent Fuscus likewise; and I could wish that both the Visci would join in their commendations: ambition apart, I may mention you *too*, O Pollio; you also, Messala, together with your brother; and at the same time you, ye Bibuli and Servi; and along with these, you, candid Furnius; *I could name* many others, whom, though men of learning and my friends, I purposely omit: to whom I could wish these satires, such as they are, may give satisfaction; *and* I should be very much

* *Literally*, often turn your stylus. *The stylus was an instrument to write in wax with; one end of which was sharp, in order to form the letters, and the other flat, like a trowel, to erase them occasionally.*

Arridere velim; doliturus, ſi placeant ſpe
Deterius noſtra. Demetri, teque, Tigelli,
Diſcipularum inter jubeo plorare cathedras.

I puer, atque meo citus hæc ſubſcribe libello.

chagrin'd if they pleaſed in a degree below my expectation. *You*, Demetrius, and you, Tigellius, I bid *lament* amongſt your female diſciples.

Go, * boy, and inſtantly copy this ſatire more into the end of my book.

* *His amanuenſis.*

THE

Q. HORATII FLACCI

SATYRARUM

LIBER II.

SATYRA I.

Fingit se cum Trebatio deliberare utrum a scribendis satyris abstineat.

SUNT quibus in satyra videar nimis acer, et ultra
Legem tendere opus: sine nervis altera, quidquid
Composui, pars esse putat, similesque meorum
Mille die versus deduci posse. Trebati,
Quid faciam, præscribe. Quiescas. Ne faciam, inquis,
Omnino versus? Aio. Peream male, si non
Optimum erat: verum nequeo dormire. Ter uncti
Transnanto Tiberim, somno quibus est opus alto;
Irriguumque mero sub noctem corpus habento.
Aut, si tantus amor (a) scribendi te rapit, aude
Cæsaris invicti res dicere, multa laborum
Præmia laturus. Cupidum, pater optime, vires
Deficiunt: neque enim quivis horrentia pilis

(a) Scribendi te capit.

Agmina,

THE

SATIRES

OF

HORACE.

BOOK II.

SATIRE I.

He ſuppoſes himſelf to conſult with Trebatius, *whether he ſhould deſiſt from writing ſatires or not.*

THERE are ſome perſons to whom I may ſeem too ſevere in the writing of ſatire, and to extend the affair too far: another ſet are of opinion, that all I have written is nerveleſs, and that a thouſand verſes like mine might be ſpun out in one day. Trebatius, give me your advice, what I ſhall do. Be quiet. I ſhall not make, you ſay, verſes at all. I do ſay ſo. May I be hanged, if that would not be the beſt; but I cannot ſleep. Let thoſe who want ſound ſleep, anointed ſwim three times croſs the Tiber; and have their clay well moiſtened with wine over-night. Or, if ſuch a great love of ſcribbling hurries you on, venture to celebrate the atchievements of the invincible Cæſar, certain of ample rewards for your pains. Deſirous I am, my good father, *to do this*, yet my ſtrength fails me: nor can any one de-

Agmina, nec fracta pereuntes cuſpide Gallos,
Aut labentis equo deſcribat vulnera Parthi.
Attamen et juſtum poteras et *(a)* ſcribere fortem,
Scipiadam ut ſapiens Lucilius. haud mihi deero,
Cum res ipſa feret: niſi dextro tempore, Flacci
Verba per attentam non ibunt Cæſaris aurem;
Cui male ſi palpere, recalcitrat undique tutus.
Quanto rectius hoc, quam triſti lædere verſu
Pantolabum ſcurram, Nomentanumque nepotem?
Cum ſibi quiſque timet, quanquam eſt intactus, et odit.
Quid faciam? ſaltat Milonius, ut ſemel icto
Acceſſit fervor capiti, numeruſque lucernis.
Caſtor gaudet equis; ovo prognatus eodem,
Pugnis. quot capitum vivunt, totidem ſtudiorum
Millia. me pedibus delectat claudere verba,
Lucili ritu, noſtrum melioris utroque.
Ille velut fidis arcana ſodalibus olim
Credebat libris; *(b)* neque, ſi male geſſerat, uſquam
Decurrens alio, neque ſi bene: quo fit ut omnis
Votiva pateat veluti deſcripta tabella
Vita ſenis. ſequor hunc, Lucanus an Appulus, anceps:
Nam Venuſinus arat finem ſub utrumque colonus,
Miſſus ad hoc, pulſis (vetus eſt ut fama) Sabellis,
Quo non per vacuum Romano incurreret hoſtis:

(*a*) Dicere. *Sanad.* (*b*) Neque, ſi male ceſſerat. *Heinſ.*

Sive

ſcribe the troops briſtled with ſpears, nor the Gauls dying on their ſhiver'd darts, nor the wounded Parthian falling from his horſe. Nevertheleſs you may deſcribe him juſt and brave, as the wiſe Lucilius did Scipio. I will not be wanting to myſelf, when I can bring matters to bear: no verſes of Horace's, unleſs well-timed, will gain the attention of Cæſar; whom, *like a generous ſteed*, if you ſtroke aukwardly, he will kick back upon you, being at all quarters on his guard. How much better would this be, than to cut with ſevere ſatire Pantolabus the buffoon, and the rake Nomentanus? When, *beſides*, every body is afraid for himſelf, *leſt he ſhould be the next*, and hates you, tho' he is not meddled with. What ſhall I do? Milonius falls a dancing, the moment he becomes light-headed and warm, and the candles appear multiply'd. Caſtor delights in horſemanſhip; and he who ſprang * from the ſame egg, in boxing. As many thouſands of people *as there are in the world*, ſo many different inclinations are there. I am amuſed with putting words into metre, in the manner of Lucilius, who had greater abilities than you and I put together. He long ago communicated his ſecrets to his books, as to faithful friends; never having recourſe elſewhere, whether things went well or ill with him: whence it happens, that the whole life of this old *poet* is as open to the view, as if it had been painted on a † votive tablet. His example I follow, ‡ tho' in doubt whether I am a Lucanian, or an Apulian: for the Venuſinian farmers plow upon the boundaries of both *countries*, who (as the ancient tradition has it) were a *colony* ſent, on the expulſion of the Samnites, for this purpoſe, that the enemy might not make incurſions on the Romans, thro' a vacant *unguarded frontier*: or leſt the Apulian

* Caſtor *and* Pollux *were born of, or rather hatched by* Leda, *in conſequence of her amour with* Jupiter *in the ſhape of a ſwan.*

† *The* Romans *had often pictures drawn of certain events in their lives, which they bound themſelves by a vow to conſecrate to the Gods.*

‡ *A tedious parenthеſis, in which he burleſques* Lucilius's *manner of writing.*

nation,

Sive quod Appula gens, seu quod Lucania bellum
Incuteret violenta. sed hic stylus haud petet ultro
Quemquam animantem, et me veluti custodiet ensis
Vagina tectus: quem cur destringere coner,
Tutus ab infestis latronibus? o pater et rex
Jupiter, ut pereat positum rubigine telum,
Nec quisquam noceat cupido mihi pacis! at ille,
Qui me commorit, (melius non tangere, clamo)
Flebit, et insignis tota cantabitur Urbe.

Cervius iratus leges minitatur et urnam;
Canidia Albuti, quibus est inimica, venenum;
Grande malum Turius, si quis se judice certet.
Ut, quo quisque valet, suspectos terreat, utque
Imperet (a) hoc natura potens, sic collige mecum.
Dente lupus, cornu taurus petit. unde, nisi intus
Monstratum? Scævæ vivacem crede nepoti
Matrem; nil faciet sceleris pia dextera: mirum!
Ut neque calce lupus quemquam, neque dente petit bos:
Sed male tollet anum vitiato melle cicuta.

Ne longum faciam, seu me tranquilla senectus
Exspectat, seu mors atrit circumvolat alis;
Dives, inops, Romæ, seu fors ita jusserit, exsul;
Quisquis erit vitæ, scribam, color. O puer, ut sis
Vitalis metuo; et majorum ne quis amicus
Frigore te feriat. Quid? cum est Lucilius ausus
Primus in hunc operis componere carmina morem,
Detrahere et pellem, nitidus qua quisque per ora

(a) Imperitet natura. *Sanad.*

Cederet,

nation, or the fierce Lucanian, ſhould make an invaſion. But this pen of mine ſhall not wilfully attack any man breathing, and ſhall defend me like a ſword that is ſheathed in the ſcabbard: which why ſhould I attempt to draw, *while I am* ſafe from hoſtile villains? O Jupiter, father and ſovereign, may my weapon laid aſide wear away with ruſt, and may no one injure me, who am deſirous of peace! But that man who ſhall provoke me (I give notice that it is better to let me alone) ſhall weep *his folly*, and a diſtinguiſhed character ſhall be ſung through all the ſtreets of Rome.

Cervius, when he is offended, threatens one with the laws and the *judiciary* * urn; Albutius's Canidia poiſon to thoſe, with whom ſhe is at enmity; Turius *threatens* great damages *againſt you*, if you conteſt any thing while he preſides as judge. How every thing terrifies thoſe taken for its enemies, with that in which it is moſt powerful, and how ſtrong natural inſtinct commands this, thus infer with me. The wolf attacks with his teeth, the bull with his horns. From what principle is this, if not a ſuggeſtion from within? Intruſt that debauchee Scæva with the cuſtody of his ancient mother; his pious hand will commit no outrage: A wonder indeed! juſt as the wolf does not attack any one with his hoof, nor the bull with his teeth: but a honied potion may take off the old dame.

That I may not be tedious, whether a placid old age awaits me, or whether death now hovers about me with his ſable wings; rich, *or* poor, at Rome, or if fortune ſhould ſo order it, an exile abroad; whatever be the colour of my life, I will write. O my child, I fear you cannot be long lived; and that ſome creature of the great ones will ſtrike you ſtiff. What? when Lucilius had the courage to be the firſt in compoſing verſes after this manner, and to pull off that maſk, by the means of which each man ſtrutted with a fair out-

* *A criminal was acquitted or condemned by the number of votes, which the judges caſt into an urn.*

ſide,

Crederet, intorſum turpis; num Lælius, aut qui
Duxit ab oppreſſa meritum Carthagine nomen,
Ingenio offenſi? aut læſo doluere Metello,
Famoſiſque Lupo cooperto verſibus? atqui
Primores populi arripuit populumque tributim;
Scilicet uni æquus virtuti atque ejus amicis.
Quin, ubi ſe a vulgo et ſcena, in ſecreta remorant
Virtus Scipiadæ et mitis ſapientia Læli;
Nugari cum illo, et diſcincti ludere, donec
Decoqueretur olus, ſoliti. quidquid ſum ego, quamvis
Infra Lucili cenſum ingeniumque; tamen me
Cum magnis vixiſſe invita fatebitur uſque
Invidia; et fragili quærens illidere dentem,
Offendet ſolido: niſi quid tu, docte Trebati,
Diſſentis. Equidem nihil hic diffindere poſſum.
Sed tamen ut monitus caveas, ne forte negoti
Incutiat tibi quid ſanctarum inſcitia legum:
Si mala condiderit in quem quis carmina, jus eſt
Judiciumque. Eſto, ſi quis mala: ſed bona ſi quis
Judice condiderit *(a)* laudatus Cæſare? Si quis
Opprobriis dignum *(b)* latraverit, integer ipſe?
Solventur riſu tabulæ: tu miſſus abibis.

SATYRA II.

De frugalitate.

QUÆ virtus et quanta, boni, ſit vivere parvo,
(Nec meus hic ſermo eſt; *(c)* ſed quæ præcepit Ofellus,

(*a*) Laudatur Cæſare. (*b*) Lacceraveret. *Bentl.* (*c*) Sed quem præcepit.

Ruſticus,

ſide, tho' foul within; what, was Lælius, or * he who derived a well-deſerved title from the deſtruction of Carthage, offended at his wit? Or were they hurt at Metellus's being laſhed, or Lupus covered over with *Lucilius's* lampoons? But he took to taſk the heads of the people, and the people themſelves, claſs by claſs; in ſhort, he ſpared none but virtue and her friends. But yet, when the valorous Scipio, and the mild philoſophical Lælius, had withdrawn themſelves from the croud, and the public ſcene; they uſed to divert themſelves with him, and joke in a free manner, while a few vegetables boiled *for ſupper*. Of whatever rank I am, tho' below the eſtate and wit of Lucilius; yet envy muſt be obliged to own that I have lived well with great men; and wanting to faſten her † tooth upon ſome weak part, will ſtrike it againſt the ſolid: unleſs you, learned Trebatius, diſapprove of any thing *I have ſaid*. For my part, I cannot make any objection to this. But however that forewarned you may be upon your guard, leſt an ignorance of our ſacred laws ſhould bring you into trouble: *be ſure of this*: if any perſon ſhall make ſcandalous verſes againſt a particular man, an action lies, and ſentence may be *paſſed againſt him*. It is granted, if *they are* ſcandalous: but if a man compoſes good ones, *and* is praiſed *for 'em* by ſuch a judge as Cæſar? If a man falls foul upon him only who deſerves his invectives, while himſelf is unblameable? *In ſuch a caſe*, the proceſs will be cancelled *with laughter:* and you, being diſmiſſed, may depart in peace.

SATIRE II.

On frugality.

WHAT and how great the virtue to live *contentedly* on a little, (*tho'* this is no doctrine of

* Scipio Africanus.

† *Alluding to the fable of the viper and the file.*

mine;

Ruſticus, abnormis ſapiens, craſſaque Minerva
Diſcite, non inter lances menſaſque nitentes;
Cum ſtupet inſanis acies fulgoribus, et cum
Acclinis falſis animus meliora recuſat;
Verum hic impranſi mecum diſquirite. Cur hoc?
Dicam, ſi potero. male verum examinat omnis
Corruptus judex. leporem ſectatus, equove
Laſſus ab indomito; vel ſi Romana fatigat
Militia aſſuetum græcari; ſeu pila velox,
Molliter auſterum ſtudio fallente laborem;
Seu te diſcus agit, pete cedentem aëra diſco:
Cum labor (a) extuderit faſtidia; ſiccus, inanis
Sperne cibum vilem; niſi Hymettia mella Falerno
Ne biberis diluta. foris eſt promus, et atrum
Defendens piſces hiemat mare: cum ſale panis
Latrantem ſtomachum bene leniet. unde putas? aut
Qui partum? non in caro nidore voluptas
Summa, ſed in teipſo eſt. tu pulmentaria quære
Sudando. pinguem vitiis albumque nec oſtrea,
Nec ſcarus, aut poterit peregrina juvare lagois.
Vix tamen eripiam, poſito pavone, velis quin
Hoc potius quam gallina tergere palatum,
Corruptus vanis rerum; quia veneat auro
Rara avis, et picta pandat ſpectacula cauda:
Tanquam ad rem attineat quicquam. num veſceris iſta,
Quam laudas, pluma? coctove num adeſt honor idem?
Carne tamen quamvis diſtat nihil, hac magis illa;
Imparibus formis deceptum te patet. eſto.

(a) Expulerit. *Bentl.*

Unde

mine; but what Ofellus the peaſant, a philoſopher without the rules, and of an home-ſpun wit, taught me) learn, my good friends, not amongſt *luxurious* diſhes and ſplendid tables; when the eye is dazzled with the vain glare *of the plate*, and the mind, intent upon falſe appearance, refuſes *to admit* better things; but here, before dinnner, diſcuſs this point with me. Why ſo, *ſay you?* I will inform you if I can. Every corrupted judge examines *but* badly in the truth *of a cauſe*. After hunting the hare, or being ſpent by an unruly horſe; or if the Roman exerciſe fatigues *you more* accuſtomed to Grecian effeminacies; or the ſwift ball, while eagerneſs ſoftens and prevents your perceiving the ſeverity of the game; or if quoits *delight you*, ſmite the yielding air with the quoit: when exerciſe has worked off *your* ſqueamiſhneſs; dry *and* hungry, *then let me ſee you* deſpiſe mean viands; and not drink Falernian, unleſs qualified with Hymettian honey. Your butler is abroad, and the tempeſtuous ſea preſerves the fiſh by its wintry ſtorms: a bit of bread and ſalt will ſufficiently appeaſe an importunate ſtomach. From whence do you think *this comes?* And how is it obtained? The conſummate pleaſure is not in the coſtly flavour, but in yourſelf. Do you ſeek for ſauce by ſweating. Neither oyſters, nor ſcar, nor the far-fetched * lagois, can give any pleaſure to one bloated and pale thro' intemperance. Nevertheleſs, if a peacock was ſerved up, I ſhould hardly be able to prevent your gratifying the palate with that, rather than a pullet, *ſince you are* prejudiced by the vanities of things; becauſe the ſcarce bird is bought with gold, and diſpays a fine ſight with its painted tail: as if that was any thing to the purpoſe. What, do you eat that plumage, which you extol *ſo much?* Or has the bird the ſame beauty when 'tis dreſſed? Since however there is no difference in the meat, in one preferably to the other; 'tis manifeſt that you are impoſed upon by the diſparity of their appearances. *But* let it be granted you.

* *A bird, whoſe fleſh taſted like a hare; probably a curlew.*

By

Unde datum ſentis, lupus hic, Tiberinus, an alto
Captus hiet? ponteſne inter jactatus, an amnis
Oſtia ſub Tuſci? laudas, inſane, trilibrem
Mullum; in ſingula quem minuas pulmenta neceſſe eſt.
Ducit te ſpecies, video. quo pertinet ergo
Proceros odiſſe lupos? quia ſcilicet illis
Majorem natura modum dedit, his breve pondus.
Jejunus raro ſtomachus vulgaria temnit.
Porrectum magno magnum ſpectare catino
Vellem, ait Harpyiis gula digna rapacibus. at vos
Præſentes Auſtri, coquite horum obſonia: quamquam
Putet aper rhombuſque recens, mala copia quando
Ægrum ſolicitat ſtomachum; cum rapula plenus
Atque acidas mavult inulas. necdum omnis abacta
Pauperies epulis regum: nam vilibus ovis,
Nigriſque eſt oleis hodie locus. haud ita pridem
Galloni (a) præconis erat acipenſere menſa
Infamis. quid? tum rhombos (b) minus æquor alebat?
Tutus erat rhombus, tutoque ciconia nido;
Donec vos auctor docuit prætorius. ergo
Si quis nunc mergos ſuaves edixerit aſſos;
Parebit pravi docilis Romana juventus.

Sordidus a tenui victu diſtabit, Oſello
Judice. nam fruſtra vitium vitaveris illud;
(c) Si te alio pravus detorſeris. Avidienus,
Cui Canis ex vero ductum cognomen adhæret,
Quinquennes oleas eſt, et ſilveſtria corna;

(a) Prætoris. *Sanad.* (b) Minus æquora alebant. (c) Si te alio pravum.

Ac,

By what gift are you able to diſtinguiſh, whether this lupus, that now opens its jaws before you, was taken in the Tiber or the ſea? Or whether it was toſſed *aſhore* between the bridges, or at the mouth of the * Tuſcan river? Fool, you praiſe a mullet that weighs three pounds; which *yet* you are obliged to cut into ſmall pieces. Outward appearances lead you, I ſee. To what intent do you contemn large lupuſes? Becauſe truly thoſe are by nature bulky, and theſe very light. A hungry ſtomach ſeldom loathes common victuals. O that I could ſee a ſwinging *mullet* extended upon a ſwinging diſh, cries that gullet which is fit for the voracious harpies *themſelves*. But O *(ſay I)* ye ſouthern blaſts be preſent to taint the delicacies of theſe *gluttons:* tho' the boar and turbot newly taken are rank, when ſurfeiting abundance provokes the ſick ſtomach; and when the fated *guttler* prefers turnips and ſharp elicampane. However, all *appearance of* poverty is not quite baniſhed from the banquets of our nobles: for there is, even at this day, a place for paſtry eggs and black olives. And it was not long ago, ſince the table of Gallonius the auctioneer was rendered infamous, by having a ſturgeon *ſerved up whole upon it*. What? was the ſea at that time leſs nutritive of turbots? The turbot was ſecure, and the ſtork unmoleſted in her neſt; till the † prætorian *Sempronius*, the inventor, firſt taught you *to eat them*. From whence, *I am convinced*, that if any one was to give it out that roaſted cormorants are delicious; the Roman youth, *ſo* teachable in depravity, would acquieſce *in it*.

But in the judgment of Oſellus, a ſordid way of living will differ *widely* from frugal ſimplicity. For 'tis to no purpoſe for you to ſhun that vice *of luxury*; if perverſely you fly to the contrary extreme. Avidienus, to whom the nick-name of dog is apply'd with *great* propriety, eats olives of five years old, and wild

* *So called, becauſe it divides* Latium *from* Tuſcany.

† Horace *calls him ironically prætorian, for when* Sempronius *put up for that high office he had not ſeven votes.*

Ac, niſi mutatum, parcit defundere vinum, et
Cujus odorem olei nequeas perferre: (licebit
Ille repotia, natales, alioſve dierum
Feſtos albatus celebret) cornu ipſe bilibri
Caulibus inſtillat, veteris non parcus aceti.

Quali igitur victu ſapiens utetur, et horum
Utrum imitabitur? hac urget lupus, hac canis, aiunt.
Mundus erit, (a) qua non offendit ſordibus, atque
In neutram partem cultus miſer. hic neque ſervis,
Albuti ſenis exemplo, dum munia didit,
Sævus erit; nec ſic ut ſimplex Nævius, unctam
Convivis præbebit aquam: vitium hoc quoque magnum.

Accipe nunc, victus tenuis quæ quantaque ſecum
Afferat. in primis valeas bene; nam variæ res
Ut noceant homini, credas, memor illius eſcæ,
Quæ ſimplex olim tibi ſederit. at ſimul aſſis
Miſcueris elixa, ſimul conchylia turdis;
Dulcia ſe in bilem vertent, ſtomachoque tumultum
Lenta feret pituita. vides, ut pallidus omnis
Cœna deſurgat dubia? quin corpus onuſtum
Heſternis vitiis animum quoque prægravat una,

(a) Qui non offendet ſordibus.

(a) At-

cornels; and cannot bear to rack off his wine unless it be turned sour, and the smell of his oil you cannot endure: which (tho' cloathed in white he celebrates the * wedding festival, his birth-day, or any other festal day) he pours out himself by little and little, from an horn cruet, that holds two pounds, upon his cabbage, *but at the same time* is lavish enough of his *strong* old vinegar †.

What manner of living therefore shall the wise man put in practice, and which of these *examples* shall he copy? On one side the wolf presses on, and the dog on the other, as the saying is. A person will be accounted decent, inasmuch as he offends not by sordidness, and is despicable thro' neither extreme of conduct. Such a man will not, after the example of old Albucius, be *tyrannically* cruel while he assigns his servants their respective offices; nor, *on the contrary*, like simple Nævius, will he offer greasy water to his company: for this too is a great fault.

Now learn what and how great benefits a temperate diet will bring along with it. In the first place you may enjoy good health; for you may *readily* believe how detrimental a diversity of things is to any man, *when you* recollect that sort of food, which, by its simplicity, sat so well upon your stomach some time ago, *when you was a child*. But when you have once mixed boiled and roast together, together thrushes and shell-fish; the sweet *juices* will turn into bile, and the thick phlegm will bring a jarring upon the stomach. Don't you see how pale each *guest* rises from a ‖ perplexing variety of dishes at an entertainment. Besides this, the body, overloaded with the debauch of yesterday, depresses the mind along with it, and fixes to

* Repotia, *an entertainment made by the bridegroom the day after marriage.*

† *To correct the bad taste of the oil, this being cheapest.*

‡ *A proverbial expression for being in a difficult situation. Between two fires.*

‖ *Literally*, a doubtful supper, *i. e. the variety so great, that the guests hesitate, are in doubt, what they shall chuse first.*

(a) Atque affigit humo divinæ particulam auræ.
Alter, ubi dicto citius curata ſopori
Membra dedit, vegetus præſcripta ad munia ſurgit.
Hic tamen ad melius poterit tranſcurrere quondam;
Sive diem feſtum rediens advexerit annus,
Seu recreare volet tenuatum corpus; ubique
Accedent anni, et tractari mollius ætas
Imbecilla volet. tibi quidnam accedat ad iſtam,
Quam puer et validus præſumis, mollitiem; ſeu
Dura valetudo incideſit, ſeu tarda ſenectus?

Rancidum aprum antiqui laudabant: non quia naſus
Illis nullus erat; ſed, credo, hac mente, quod hoſpes
Tardius adveniens, vitiatum commodius, quam
Integrum edax dominus conſumeret. hos utinam inter
Heroas natum tellus me prima tuliſſet.

Das aliquid famæ, quæ carmine gratior aurem
Occupat humanam? grandes rhombi, patinæque
Grande ferunt una cum damno dedecus. adde
Iratum patruum, vicinos, te tibi iniquum,
Et fruſtra mortis cupidum, cum deerit egenti
As, laquei precium. Jure, inquis, Traſius iſtis
Jurgatur verbis: ego vectigalia magna,
Divitiaſque habeo tribus amplas regibus. Ergo
Quod ſuperat, non eſt melius quo inſumere poſſis?
Cur eget indignus quiſquam, te divite? quare
Templa ruunt antiqua Deum? cur, improbe, caræ
Non aliquid patriæ tanto emetiris acervo?
Uni nimirum recte tibi ſemper (b) erunt res?

(a) Atque adfligit humo. (b) Eunt res. *Heinſ.*

O mag-

the earth that portion of the divine ſpirit. Another man, as ſoon as he has taken a repaſt, and rendered his limbs up to repoſe in the ſame inſtant almoſt, riſes vigorous in *in the morning* to the duties of his calling. However, he may ſometimes have recourſe to better cheer; whether the revolving year ſhall bring on a feſtival, or if he has a mind to refreſh his body, impaired *by labour*; and when years ſhall approach, and feeble age require to be uſed more tenderly. But as for you, if a troubleſome habit of body, or a creeping old age, ſhould come upon you; what addition can be made to that ſoft indulgence, which you, *as yet* young and in health, anticipate?

Our anceſtors praiſed a boar when it was ſtale: not becauſe they had no noſes; but with this view, I ſuppoſe, that a viſiter coming later than ordinary might *partake of it*, tho' a little muſty, rather than the voracious maſter ſhould devour it all himſelf while ſweet. I wiſh that the primitive earth had produced me amongſt ſuch heroes as theſe.

Have you any regard for reputation, which affects the human ear more agreeable than muſick? Great turbots, and *magnificent* diſhes, bring a great diſgrace along with 'em, together with expence. Add to this, that your * relations and neighbours will be exaſperated at you, thus at enmity with yourſelf, and deſirous of death in vain, ſince you will not, in your poverty, have three farthings left to purchaſe a rope withal. Traſius, you ſay, may with juſtice be called to account with ſuch language as this: *but* I poſſeſs an ample revenue, and wealth ſufficient for three potentates. Why then have you not a better method of expending your ſuperfluities? Why is any man, undeſerving *of diſtreſſed circumſtances*, in want, while you abound? How comes it to paſs that the ancient temples of the Gods are falling to ruin? Why do not you, wretch that you are, beſtow ſomething on your dear country, out of vaſt a hoard? What, *do you think* that matters ſhall always go well with you alone *of all*

* *Literally, the uncle by the father's ſide.*

O magnus posthac inimicis risus! uterne
Ad casus dubios fidet sibi certius? hic, qui
Pluribus assuerit mentem corpusque superbum;
An qui contentus parvo, metuensque futuri,
In pace, ut sapiens, aptarit idonea bello?

Quo magis his credas: puer hunc ego parvus Ofellum
Integris opibus novi non latius usum,
Quam nunc accisis. videas metato in agello,
Cum pecore et gnatis, fortem mercede colonum,
Non ego, narrantem, temere edi luce profesta
Quidquam, præter olus, fumosæ cum pede pernæ.
Ac mihi, cum longum post tempus venerat hospes,
Sive operum vacuo gratus conviva per imbrem
Vicinus; bene erat, non piscibus urbe petitis,
Sed pullo, atque hœdo: tum pensilis uva secundas
Et nux ornabat mensas, cum duplice ficu.
Post hoc ludus erat *(a)* cuppa potare magistra:
Ac venerata Ceres, *(b)* ut culmo surgeret alto,
Explicuit vino contractæ seria frontis.
Sæviat, atque novos moveat fortuna tumultus;
Quantum hinc imminuet? quanto aut ego parcius, aut vos,
O pueri, nituistis, ut huc novus incola venit?
Nam propriæ telluris herum natura, neque illum,
Nec me, nec quemquam statuit. nos expulit ille:
Illum aut nequities aut vafri inscitia juris,
Postremo expellet certe vivacior heres.
Nunc ager Umbreni sub nomine, nuper Ofelli

a) Culpa potare magistra. (*b*) Ita culmo surgeret alto.

Dictus,

mankind? O thou that hereafter ſhalt be the great deriſion of thine enemies! which of the two ſhall depend upon himſelf in exigencies with moſt certainty? He, who has uſed his mind and high-ſwoln body to redundancies; or he, who, contented with a little, and provident for the future, like a wiſe man, in time of peace, ſhall make the neceſſary preparations for war.

That you may the readier give credit to theſe things: I myſelf, when a little boy, took notice that this Oſellus did not uſe his unincumbered eſtate more profuſely than he does now it is reduced. You may ſee the induſtrious huſbandman labouring for hire in the land *once his own, but now* * aſſigned *to others*, with his cattle and children, talking to this effect, I never ventured to eat any thing on a work-day except pot-herbs, with a hock of ſmoak-dry'd bacon. And when a friend came to viſit me after a long abſence, or a neighbour came in, an acceptable gueſt, upon reſting me from work on account of the rain; we lived well, not on fiſhes ſent from the city, but on a pullet and a kid: then a dried grape, and a nut, with a large fig *or two*, ſet off our ſecond courſe. After this, it was our diverſion to have no other regulation in our cups, ſave that againſt drinking to a fault: then Ceres worſhipped *with a libation*, that *the corn* might ariſe in lofty ſtems, ſmoothed with wine the melancholy of the contracted brow. Let fortune rage, and ſtir up new tumults; what can ſhe do more to impair *my eſtate?* How much more ſavingly have either I lived, and how leſs neatly have you gone, my children, ſince this new poſſeſſor came? For nature hath appointed to be *perpetual* lord of this earthly property, neither him, nor me, nor any one. He drove us out: either iniquity, or ignorance in the quirks of the law, ſhall *do the ſame* by him, certainly in the end his longer-lived heir ſhall expel him. Now this field goes under the denomination of Umbrenus's, lately it was Oſellus's, *and* it ſhall be the abſolute property of no man; for it

* *After the civil war, the lands of the beaten party were divided mongſt the ſoldiers of the conqueror.*

Dictus, erit nulli proprius; ſed cedet in uſum
Nunc mihi, nunc alii. quocirca vivite fortes;
Fortiaque adverſis opponite pectora rebus.

SATYRA III.

Colloquutus cum Horatio Damaſippus hoc Stoicæ philoſophiæ paradoxum probat, omnes propemodum homines inſane.

(a) SI raro ſcribis, ut toto non quater anno
Membranam poſcas, ſcriptorum quæque retexens,
Iratus tibi, quod vini ſomnique benignus
Nil dignum ſermone canas. (b) quid fiet? at ipſis
Saturnalibus huc fugiſti ſobrius. (c) ergo
Dic aliquid dignum promiſſis: incipe. nil eſt.
Culpantur fruſtra calami, immerituſque laborat
Iratis natus paries Dis atque poetis.
Atqui vultus erat multa et præclara minantis,
Si vacuum tepido cepiſſet villula tecto.
Quorſum pertinuit ſtipare Platona Menandro?
(d) Eupolin, Archilochò? (e) comites educere tantos?
Invidiam placare paras, virtute relicta?
Contemnere, miſer. vitanda eſt improba Siren
Deſidia; aut quidquid vita meliore parasti
Ponendum æquo animo. Di te, Damaſippe, Deæque
Verum ob conſilium donent tonſore. ſed unde
Tam bene me noſti? Poſtquam omnis res mea Janum
Ad medium fracta eſt, aliena negotia curo,

(a) Sic raro ſcribis. (b) Quid fiet? ab ipſis. (c) Eſto. *Bentl.* (d) Eupolin, Archilochum. (e) Comites educere? quin tu. *Rutg.*

Excuſſus

will turn to my uſe one while, and by and by to that of another. Wherefore, *my lads*, live undaunted; and oppoſe gallant breaſts againſt the ſtrokes of adverſity.

SATIRE III.

Damaſippus, *in a converſation with* Horace, *proves this paradox of the* Stoic *philoſophy, that moſt men are actually mad.*

IF you write ſo ſeldom, as not to call for parchment four times in the year, *buſied* in reforming your *former* writings, *yet are* you angry at yourſelf, that indulging in wine and ſleep you produce nothing worthy to be the ſubject of converſation; what will be the conſequence? But you took refuge here, it ſeems, at the very celebration of the Saturnalia, out of *pure* ſobriety. Dictate therefore ſomething worthy of your promiſes: *come*, begin. There is nothing. The pens are found fault with to no purpoſe, and the harmleſs wall, which muſt have been built under the diſpleaſure of Gods and poets, ſuffers *to no end*. But you had the look of one that threatened *to perform* many and excellent things when once your villa had received you, free from avocation, under its warm roof. To what purpoſe was it to ſtow Plato upon Menander? Eupolis upon Archilochus? For what end did you bring abroad ſuch companions? What, are you ſetting about to appeaſe envy by deſerting virtue? Wretch, you will be deſpiſed. That improbous Siren, Sloth, muſt be avoided; or whatever acquiſitions you made in the better part of your life, muſt with equanimity be given up. May the Gods and Goddeſſes, O Damaſippus, preſent you with a barber for your ſound advice. But by what means did you get ſo well acquainted with me? Since all my fortunes were diſſipated at the middle of the * exchange, being detached from all buſi-

* *Literally, the* middle Janus. *There was a ſtatute of* Janus *in the middle of the forum.*

Excuſſus propriis. olim nam quærere amabam,
Quo vafer ille pedes laviſſet Siſyphus ære;
Quid ſculptum infabre, quid fuſum durius eſſet:
Callidus huic ſigno ponebam millia centum:
Hortos, egregiaſque domos mercarier unus
Cum lucro noram: unde frequentia Mercuriali
Impoſuere mihi cognomen compita. Novi;
Et morbi miror purgatum te illius. Atqui
Emovit veterem mire novus; ut ſolet, in cor
Trajecto lateris miſeri, capitiſque dolore:
Ut lethargicus hic cum ſit pugil, et medicum urget.
Dum ne quid ſimile huic, eſto ut libet. O bone, ne te
Fruſtrere: inſanis et tu, ſtultique prope omnes,
Si quid Stertinius veri crepat; unde ego mira
Deſcripſi docilis præcepta hæc, tempore quo me
Solatus juſſit ſapientem paſcere barbam;
Atque a Fabricio non triſtem ponte reverti.
Nam, male re geſta, cum vellem mittere operto
Me capite in flumen; dexter ſtetit: et, Cave faxis
Te quidquam indignum. pudor, inquit, *(a)* te malus angit,
Inſanos qui inter vereare inſanus haberi.
Primum nam inquiram, quid ſit furere: hoc ſi erit in te
Solo; nil verbi, pereas quin fortiter, addam.

Quem mala ſtultitia, et *(b)* quemcunque inſcitia veri
Cæcum agit, inſanum Chryſippi porticus et grex
Autumat. hæc populos, hæc magnos formula reges,

(*a*) Te malus urget. (*b*) Cujuſque. *Cunn.*

Excepto

neſs of my own; I mind that of other people. For formerly I uſed to take a delight in enquiring, in what * vaſe the crafty Siſyphus might have waſhed his feet; what was carved in an unworkman-like manner, and what rougher caſt than it ought to be: being a connoiſſeur, I offered an hundred thouſand ſeſterces for his ſtatue: I was the only man who knew how to purchaſe gardens and fine ſeats to the beſt advantage: from whence the crouded ſtreets gave me the ſirname of Mercurial. I know it well; and am amazed at your being cured of that diſorder. Why a new diſorder expelled the old one in a miraculous manner; as it is accuſtomed to do when the pain of the afflicted ſide, or the head, is turned upon the ſtomach: *or* as it is with a man in the lethargy, when he turns boxer, and attacks his phyſician. As long as you do nothing like this, be it even as you pleaſe. O my good friend, do not deceive yourſelf: you likewiſe are mad, and 'tis almoſt fools all, if what Stertinius inſiſts on has any truth in it; from whom, being of a teachable diſpoſition, I derived theſe admirable precepts, at the very time, when, having given me conſolation, he ordered me to encourage a philoſophical beard, and to return chearfully from the Fabrician bridge. For when, my affairs being deſperate, I had a mind to throw myſelf into the river, having covered my head *for that purpoſe*; he fortunately was at my elbow: and *addreſſed me to this effect*. Take care how you do any thing unworthy of yourſelf. A falſe ſhame, ſays he, afflicts you, who dread to be eſteemed a madman amongſt *nothing but* madmen. For in the firſt place I will enquire, what it is to be mad: and if this diſtemper be in you alone; I will not add a ſingle word, to prevent you from dying bravely.

The ſchool and ſect of Chryſippus deem every man mad, whom vicious folly, or whomſoever the ignorance of any truth drives blindly on. This definition takes in whole nations, this even great kings *them-*

* *Of ſuch antiquity, that it might have been uſed in the days of* Siſyphus.

Excepto ſapiente, tenet. nunc accipe quare
Deſipiant omnes, æque ac tu, qui tibi nomen
Inſano poſuere. velut ſilvis, ubi paſſim
Palantes error certo de tramite pellit;
Ille ſiniſtrorſum, hic detrorſum abit; *(a)* unus utrique
Error, ſed variis illudit partibus: hoc te
Crede modo inſanum; nihilo ut ſapientior ille,
Qui te deridet, caudam trahat. eſt genus unum
Stultitiæ, nihilum metuenda timentis; ut ignes,
Ut rupes, fluvioſque in campo obſtare queratur:
Alterum et huic varium, et nihilo ſapientius, ignes
Per medios, fluvioſque ruentis. clamet amica
Mater, honeſta ſoror, cum cognatis, pater, uxor;
Hic foſſa eſt ingens, hic rupes maxima: ſerva:
Non magis audierit, quam Fufius ebrius olim,
Cum Ilionam edormit, Catienis mille ducentis,
Mater, te appello, clamantibus. huic ego vulgus
Errori ſimilem cunctum inſanire docebo.

Inſanit veteres ſtatuas Damaſippus emendo:
Integer eſt mentis Damaſippi creditor? eſto:
Accipe, quod nunquam reddas mihi, ſi tibi dicam;
Tunc inſanus eris, ſi acceperis? an magis excors
Rejecta præda, quam præſens Mercurius fert?
Scribe decem a Nerio: non eſt ſatis: adde Cicutæ

(*a*) Unus utrinque error. *Cunn.*

Nodoſi

ſelves, the wiſe man *alone* being excepted. Now learn, why all thoſe that have fixed the name of madman upon you, are as ſenſeleſs as yourſelf. As in the woods, where a miſtake makes people wander about from the right path; one goes out of the way to the right, another to the left; *but* there is the ſame blunder on both ſides, only the illuſion is in different directions: in this manner imagine yourſelf to be mad; ſo that he who derides you, hangs his tail not one jot wiſer than yourſelf. There is one ſpecies of folly that is in dread of things not in the leaſt formidable; inſomuch that it will complain of fires, and rocks, and rivers oppoſing it in the open plain: there is another different from this, but not a whit more approaching to wiſdom, that runs headlong thro' the midſt of flames and floods. Let the loving mother, the virtuous ſiſter, the father; the wife, together with all the relations *of a man poſſeſſed with this latter folly*, cry out; "Here is a deep ditch, here is a prodigius rock: "take care of yourſelf:" he would give no more attention than did the drunken *player* * Fufius ſome time ago, when he over-ſlept the character of Ilione, two hundred thouſand Catieni at the ſame time roaring out, *O mother, I call you to my aid.* I will demonſtrate to you, that the generality of all mankind are mad in the commiſſion of ſome folly ſimilar to this.

Damaſippus is a madman for purchaſing antique ſtatues: but is Damaſippus's creditor in his ſenſes, *think you?* Well: ſuppoſe I ſhould ſay to you, *here* receive this *ſum of money*, which you can never repay; will you be a madman, if you receive it? Or would you be more abſurd for rejecting a booty, which propitious Mercury offers? Take up of the banker Ne-

* Fufius *was an actor, who playing the character of* Ilione, *was ſuppoſed to be aſleep, when the ghoſt of her ſon* Polydore *called to her,* Dear mother, hear me. Fufius *having drank too much, fell really aſleep; and* Catienus, *who play'd* Polydore, *having called to him without waking him, the whole houſe, as if each of them was a* Catienus, *cried out,* Dear mother, hear me. *The number of two hundred thouſand is a pleaſant exaggeration.* FRANCIS.

Nodosi tabulas centum: mille adde catenas:
Effugiet tamen hæc sceleratus vincula Proteus.
Cum rapies in jus malis ridentem alienis;
Fiet aper, modo avis, modo saxum, et cum volet, arbor.
Si male rem gerere insani est, contra, bene sani,
Putidius multo cerebrum est (mihi crede) Perilli
Dictantis, (a) quod tu nunquam rescribere possis.

Audire, atque togam jubeo componere, quisquis
Ambitione mala, aut argenti pallet amore;
Quisquis luxuria, tristive superstitione,
Aut alio mentis morbo calet: huc propius me,
Dum doceo insanire omnes, vos ordine adite.

Danda est ellebori multo pars maxima avaris:
Nescio an Anticyram ratio illis destinet omnem.
Heredes Staberi summam incidere sepulcro;
Ni sic fecissent, gladiatorum dare centum
Damnati populo paria, atque epulum, arbitrio Arri;
Frumenti quantum metit Africa. sive ego prave,
Seu recte; hoc volui: ne sis patruus mihi. credo
Hoc Staberi prudentem animum vidisse—Quid ergo
Sensit, cum summam patrimoni insculpere saxo
Heredes voluit? Quoad vixit, credidit ingens
Pauperiem vitium, et cavit nihil acrius: ut, si
Forte minus locuples (b) uno quadrante periret,
Ipse videretur sibi nequior. omnis enim res,

(a) Quoi (vel cui) tu nunquam, *Heinf.* (b) Uno quadrante perisset.

Virtus,

rius ten thouſand ſeſterces: it will not ſignify: add *all* the forms of Cicuta, ſo verſed in the knotty points of law: add a thouſand obligations: yet this wicked Proteus will evade all theſe ties. *And* when you ſhall drag him to juſtice, * laughing as if his cheeks were none of his own; he will be transformed into a boar, ſometimes into a bird, ſometimes into a ſtone, and when he pleaſes into a tree. If to conduct one's affairs badly be the part of a madman; and the reverſe, be that of a man well in his ſenſes: the brain of Perillius (believe me) who orders you *that ſum of money*, which you can never repay, is much more unſound *than yours*.

Whoever is afflicted with evil ambition, or the love of money; whoever is ſmitten with luxury, or gloomy ſuperſtition, or any other diſeaſe of the mind, I command him to adjuſt his garment and attend: here, all of ye, come near me, in order, while I convince you that you are mad.

By far the largeſt portion of hellebore is to be adminiſter'd to the covetous: I know not whether reaſon does not conſign all † Anticyra for their uſe. The heirs of Staberius engraved the ſum *he left them* upon his tomb; unleſs they acted in this manner, they were under an obligation to exhibit an hundred pair of gladiators to the people, beſides an entertainment according to the direction of Arrius; and as much corn as is cut in *all* Africa. Whether I have *willed* this rightly or wrongly; it was my will: be not ſevere againſt me, *cries the teſtator*. I imagine, the provident mind of Staberius foreſaw this. What then could he think, when he appointed by will, that his heirs ſhould engrave the ſum *total* of their patrimony on his tombſtone? As long as he lived, he deemed poverty a great vice, and nothing did he more induſtriouſly avoid: inſomuch, that had he died leſs rich by one farthing, the more iniquitous would he have appeared to him-

* *A proverbial expreſſion for laughing immoderately.*

† *An iſland in the* Archipelago, *famous for the production of a vaſt quantity of hellebore.*

ſelf.

Virtus, fama, decus, divina humanaque, pulchris
Divitiis parent; (a) quas qui conſtruxerit, ille
Clarus erit, fortis, juſtus—Sapienſne? Etiam, et rex,
Et quidquid volet. hoc, veluti virtute paratum,
Speravit magnæ laudi fore. quid ſimile iſti
Græcus Ariſtippus? qui ſervos projicere aurum
In media juſſit Libya; quia tardius irent
Propter onus ſegnes. uter eſt inſanior horum?
Nil agit exemplum litem quod lite reſolvit.
Si quis emat citharas, emtas comportet in unum,
Nec ſtudio citharæ, nec Muſæ deditus ulli;
Si ſcalpra et formas non ſutor; nautica vela
Averſus mercaturis; delirus et amens
Undique dicatur merito. quid diſcrepat iſtis,
Qui nummos aurumque recondit, neſcius uti
Compoſitis, metuenſque velut contingere ſacrum?
Si quis ad ingentem frumenti ſemper acervum
Porrectus vigilet longo cum fuſte; neque illinc
Audeat eſuriens dominus contingere granum;
Ac potius foliis parcus veſcatur amaris:
Si poſitis intus Chii veteriſque Falerni
Mille cadis; nihil eſt, tercentum millibus, acre
Potet acetum: age; ſi et ſtramentis incubet, unde
Octoginta annos natus, cui ſtragula veſtis,
Blattarum ac tinearum epulæ, putreſcat in arca:
Nimirum inſanus paucis videatur; eo quod
Maxima pars hominum morbo jactatur eodem.

Filius, aut etiam hæc libertus ut ebibat heres,
Dis inimice ſenex, cuſtodis, ne tibi deſit?
Quantulum enim ſummæ curtabit quiſque dierum,

(a) Quas qui contraxerit.

Ungere

ſelf. For every thing *in nature*, virtue, fame, glory, divine and human *affairs*, are ſubſervient to the attractions of riches; which, whoever ſhall have accumulated, he ſhall be illuſtrious, brave, juſt. What, wiſe too? Aye, and a king, and whatever elſe he pleaſes. This he was in hopes would greatly redound to his praiſe, as if it had been an acquiſition of his virtue. In what reſpect did the Grecian Ariſtippus act like this? Who ordered his ſlave to throw away his gold in the midſt of Libya; becauſe, encumber'd with the burden *of it*, they went too ſlow. Which is the greater mad man of theſe two? An example is nothing to the purpoſe, that decides one controverſy by bringing up another. If any perſon was to buy lyres; and when he had bought them, ſtow them up in *ſome* one *particular* place, *tho'* neither addicted to the lyre, nor any one muſe whatſoever; if a man was *to buy* paring knives and laſts, who was no ſhoe-maker; ſails fit for navigation, *and yet* averſe to merchandiſing; he would every where deſervedly be ſtiled delirious, and out of his ſenſes. *And* how does he differ from theſe *inſtances*, who hoards up caſh and gold, *and* knows not how to make uſe of them, when they are accumulated, and is afraid to touch them as if they were conſecrated? If any perſon before a great heap of corn ſhould keep perpetual watch with a long club, and *tho'* he, the owner of it, ſhould not dare to take a ſingle grain therefrom, when an hungred; and ſhould rather feed upon bitter herbs: if, while a thouſand hogſheads of Chian, or old Falernian, is ſtored up within; nay, three hundred thouſand, he drinks nothing but what is mere ſharp vinegar: again; if wanting but one year of eighty, he ſhould lie upon ſtraw, who has *good* bed cloaths rotting in his cheſt, the food of worms and moths: he would ſeem mad, belike, but to few perſons; becauſe the greateſt part of mankind labour under the ſame malady.

Thou dotard, hateful to the Gods, doſt thou guard theſe *poſſeſſions*, for fear of wanting thyſelf, to the end that thy ſon, or even the freedman thy heir, ſhould guzzle it all up? For how little will each day deduct from your

Ungere si caules oleo meliore, caputque
Cœperis impexa fœdum porrigine? quare,
Si quidvis satis est, perjuras, surripis, aufers
Undique? tun' sanas! populum si cædere saxis
Incipias, *(a)* servosque tuos, quos ære pararis;
Insanum te omnes pueri, clamentque puellæ.
Cum laqueo uxorem interimis, matremque veneno,
Incolumi capite es? *(b)* Quid enim? Neque tu hoc facis Argis,
Nec ferro, ut demens *(c)* genitricem occidis Orestes.
An tu reris eum occiso insaniisse parente?
Ac non ante malis dementem actum Furiis, quam
In matris jugulo ferrum tepefecit acutum?
Quin, ex quo est habitus male tutæ mentis Orestes,
Nil sane facit quod tu reprendere possis:
Non Pyladen ferro violare, aususve sororem
Electram: tantum maledicit utrique, vocando,
Hanc furiam, hunc aliud, jussit quod splendida bilis.

Pauper Opimius argenti positi intus et auri,
Qui Veientanum festis potare diebus
Campana solitus trulla, vappamque profestis,
Quondam lethargo grandi est oppressus; ut heres
Jam circum loculos et claves lætus ovansque
Curreret. hunc medicus multum celer atque fidelis
Excitat hoc pacto: mensam poni jubet, atque
Effundi saccos nummorum, accedere plures
Ad numerandum: hominem sic erigit. addit et illud;
Ni tua custodis, avidus jam hæc auferet heres.
Men' vivo? Ut vivas igitur, *(d)* vigila: hoc age. Quid vis?
Deficient inopem vena te, ni cibus atque
(e) Ingens accedat stomacho fultura ruenti.

(*a*) Servosve, tuo quos ære. *Faber.* (*b*) Quidni? neque enim hoc facis Argi. (*c*) Genetricem occidit Orestes. (*d*) Vigila: hoc ago. *Sanad.* (*e*) Præsens accedit. *Bentl.*

Tu

your capital, if you begin to pour better oil upon your greens, and your head, filthy with the scurf not comb'd out of it? If any thing is a sufficiency, wherefore are you guilty of perjury, *wherefore* do you rob and plunder from all quarters? Are you in your senses? If you were to begin to pelt the populace with stones, and your slaves, which you purchased with your own money; all the very boys and girls will cry out a mad man. When you dispatch your wife with a rope, and your mother with poison, are you right in your head? For what? You neither did this at Argos, nor with the sword, as the mad Orestes slew his mother. What, do you imagine that he ran mad after he had murdered his parent? And that he was not *rather* drove mad by the wicked furies, before he warm'd his sharp steel in his mother's throat? Nay, from the time Orestes is deemed *by you* to have been of a dangerous disposition, he did nothing in fact that you can blame: he did not dare to offer violence with his sword to Pylades, nor his sister Electra: he only gave ill language to both of them, by calling her a fury, and him some other *opprobrious name*, that his violent choler suggested.

Opimius, poor amongst *heaps* of silver and gold hoarded up within *his own possession*, who used to drink out of Campanian ware *the meagre* Veientine wine on holidays, and mere dregs on common days, was some time ago taken with a prodigious lethargy; insomuch that his heir was already scouring about his coffers and keys, full of joy and triumph. His physician, a man of much fidelity and dispatch, raises him in this manner: he orders a table to be brought, and the bags of money to be poured out, *and* several persons to approach in order to tell it: by this method he sets the man upon his legs again. And at the same time he addressed him to this effect; "Unless you guard your "money, your ravenous heir will even now carry off "these *treasures* of yours." What, while I am alive? That you may live therefore awake; observe this *advice*. What wou'd you have me do? Why your blood will fail you that are so reduced, unless food and some great restorative be administer'd to your decay'd sto-

Tu ceſſas? agedum; ſume hoc ptiſanarium oryzæ.
Quanti *(a)* emtæ? Parvo. *(b)* Quanti ergo? Octo aſſibus. Eheu!
Quid refert, morbo, an furtis pereamne rapinis?

Quiſnam igitur ſanus? Qui non ſtultus. Quid avarus?
Stultus et inſanus. Quid? ſi quis not ſit avarus;
Continuo ſanus? Minime. Cur Stoice? Dicam.
Non eſt cardiacus (Craterum dixiſſe putato)
Hic æger. Recte eſt igitur, ſurgetque? Negabit;
Quod latus, aut renes morbo tententur acuto.
Non eſt perjurus, neque ſordidus. immolet æquis
Hic porcum Laribus. verum ambitioſus et audax.
Naviget Anticyram. quid enim differt, barathrone
Dones quidquid habes, an nunquam utare paratis?

Servius Oppidius Canuſi duo prædia, dives
Antiquo cenſu, gnatis diviſſe duobus
Fertur, et hoc moriens pueris dixiſſe vocatis
Ad lectum: Poſtquam te talos, Aule, nuceſque
Ferre ſinu laxo, *(c)* donare, et ludere vidi;
Te, Tiberi, numerare, cavis abſcondere triſtem;
Extimui, ne vos ageret veſania diſcors;
Tu Nomentanum, tu ne ſequerere Cicutam.
Quare per Divos oratus uterque Penates,
Tu cave ne minuas; tu ne majus facias id
Quod ſatis eſſe putat pater, et natura coercet.
Præterea ne vos titillet gloria, jure-
Jurando obſtringam ambo: uter ædilis, fueritve
Veſtrum prætor, is inteſtabilis et ſacer eſto.

(*a*) Quanti emtum? *Cunn.* (*b*) Quanti ergo? Octuſſibus.
(*c*) Donare et perdere. *Bentl.* et credere. *Cunn.*

mach. Do you hesitate? Come on; take this ptisan made of rice. How much did it cost? A trifle. How much then? Eight * asses. Alas! what does it matter, whether I die of a disease, or by theft and rapine?

Who then is sound? He who is not a fool. What is the covetous man? *Both* a fool and a mad man. What? If a man be not covetous; is he *therefore* immediately to be *deem'd* sound? By no means. Why so, Stoic? I will tell you. Such a patient (suppose Craterus *the physician* said so) is not sick at the heart. Is he therefore well, and shall he get up? *No*, he will forbid that: because his side or his reins are vexed with an acute disease. *In like manner* such a man is not perjured, nor sordid. Let him *then* sacrifice a hog to his propitious household Gods. But he is ambitious and assuming. Let him *therefore* make a voyage to Anticyra. For what is the difference, whether you squander whatever you have upon a scoundrel, or make no use of your acquisitions?

Servius Oppidius, rich in the possession of an ancient estate, is reported, when dying, to have divided two farms at Canusium betwixt his two sons, and to have addressed the boys, called to his bedside, *in this manner*: When I saw you, Aulus, carry your play-things and nuts carelessly in your bosom, *and* to give them and game them away; you, Tiberius, to count them, and anxious hide them in holes; I was afraid lest a madness of a different nature should possess you *both*; lest you, *Aulus*, should follow the example of Nomentanus, *and* you, *Tiberius*, that of Cicuta. Wherefore each of you, intreated by our household Gods, do you take care lest you lessen; you lest you make that greater, which your father thinks, and the purposes of nature determine to be sufficient. Furthermore, lest glory should entice you, I will bind each of you by an oath: which ever of you shall be an edile or a prætor, let him be excommunicated and accursed. Would you

* *The* as *was about three farthings of our money.*

destroy

In cicere atque faba bona tu, perdaſque lupinis,
(a) Latus ut in circo ſpatiere, aut æneus ut ſtes;
(b) Nudus agris, nudus nummis, inſane, paternis?
Scilicet ut plauſus, quos fert Agrippa, feras tu,
Aſtuta ingenuum vulpes imitata leonem?

Ne quis humaſſe velit Ajacem, Atrida, vetas cur?
Rex ſum. nil ultra quæro plebeius. Et æquam
Rem imperito: at ſi cui videor non juſtus, inulto
Dicere, quæ ſentit, permitto. Maxime regum,
Di tibi dent capta (c) claſſem reducere Troja:
Ergo conſulere, et mox reſpondere licebit?
Conſule. Cur Ajax heros ab Achille ſecundus
Putreſcit, toties ſervatis clarus Achivis;
Gaudeat ut populus Priami Priamuſque inhumato,
Per quem tot juvenes patrio caruere ſepulcro?
Mille ovium inſanus morti dedit, inclytum Ulyſſem
Et Menelaum una mecum ſe occidere clamans.
Tu cum pro vitula ſtatuis dulcem Aulide gnatam
Ante aras, ſpargiſque mola caput, improbe, ſalſa;
Rectum animi ſervas? Quorſum? Inſanus quid enim
Ajax
Fecit, cum ſtravit ferro pecus? adſtinuit vim
Uxore et gnato, mala multa precatus Atridis:
Non ille aut Teucrum, aut ipſum violavit Ulyſſem.
Verum ego, ut hærentes adverſo litore naves
Eriperem, prudens placavi ſanguine Divos.
Nempe tuo, furioſe. Meo, ſed non furioſus,
(d) Qui ſpecies alias veri, ſceleriſque, tumultu

(a) Lentus ut in Circo. *Heinſ.* Iargus ut. *Markl.* (b) Nudus agri. (c) Claſſem deducere Troja. (d) Qui ſpecies alias veris.

Per-

deſtroy your effects in *largeſſes* of * peaſe, beans, and lupines, that you may ſtalk in the Circus at large, or ſtand *repreſented* in a ſtatue of braſs; a madman, ſtript of paternal eſtate, ſtript of your money? To the end, forſooth, that you may gain thoſe applauſes, which Agrippa gains, a cunning fox imitating a generous lion?

O Agamemnon, why do you prohibit any one from burying Ajax? I am a king. Being a plebeian, I make no further enquiry. And I command a juſtifiable thing: but if I ſeem unjuſt to any one, I permit him to ſpeak his ſentiments with impunity. Greateſt of kings, may the Gods grant, that after the taking of Troy, you may conduct your fleet ſafe home: may I then have the liberty to aſk queſtions, and reply in my turn? Aſk. Why does Ajax, a hero, ſecond *only* to Achilles, rot *above ground*, ſo often *render'd* glorious for having ſaved the Grecians; that Priam, and Priam's people may exult in his being unburied, by whoſe means ſo many youths have been deprived of their country rites of ſepulture? In his madneſs he killed a thouſand ſheep, crying out *at the ſame time*, that he was deſtroying the famous Ulyſſes and Menelaus, together with me. When you at Aulis ſubſtituted your ſweet daughter in the place of a heifer before the altar, and, impious! ſprinkled her head with the ſalt cake; did you preſerve ſoundneſs of mind? Why not? What then did the mad Ajax do, when he ſlew the flock with his ſword? He abſtained from any violence on his wife or child, *tho'* he imprecated many curſes on the ſons of Atreus: he neither hurt Teucer, nor even Ulyſſes himſelf. But I, out of prudence, appeaſed the Gods with the blood *of my daughter*, that I might looſe the ſhips that were detained on an adverſe ſhore? What, madman, with your own blood? With my own, but *yet* I was not mad. Whoever ſhall form images foreign from truth, and confuſed in the tumult of impiety, will always be reckoned

* *Uſually given to the populace by candidates for theſe poſts of honour.*

diſturbed

Permiſtas, capiet, commotus habebitur: atque
Stultitiane erret, nihilum diſtabit, an ira.
Ajax, cum immeritos occidit, deſipit, agnos?
(a) Cum prudens ſcelus ob titulos admittis inanes,
Stas animo? et purum eſt, vitio tibi cum tumidum eſt cor?
Si quis lectica nitidam geſtare amet agnam;
Huic veſtem, ut gnatæ, paret ancillas, paret aurum;
Puſam, aut puſillam appellet, fortique marito
Deſtinet uxorem; interdicto huic omne adimat jus
Prætor, et ad ſanos abeat tutela propinquos.
Quid? ſi quis gnatam pro muta devovet agna,
Integer eſt animi? ne dixeris. ergo ubi prava
Stultitia, hic ſumma eſt inſania: qui ſceleratus,
Et furioſus erit: quem cepit vitrea fama,
Hunc circumtonuit gaudens Bellona cruentis.

Nunc, age, luxuriam et Nomentanum arripe mecum:
Vincet enim ſtultos ratio inſanire nepotes.
Hic ſimul accepit patrimoni mille talenta,
Rdicit, piſcator uti, pomarius, auceps,
Unguentarius, ac Tuſci turba impia vici,
Cum ſcurris ſartor, cum Velabro omne macellum
Mane domum veniant. *(b)* Quid tum? Venere frequentes.
Verba facit leno: Quidquid mihi, quidquid et horum
Cuique domi eſt, id crede tuum; et vel nunc pete vel cras.
Accipe, quid contra juvenis reſponderit æquus.
Tu nive Lucana dormis ocreatus, ut aprum
Cœnem ego: tu piſces hiberno *(c)* ex æquore verris:
Segnis ego, indignus qui tantum poſſideam. aufer:
Sume tibi decies; tibi tantundem; tibi triplex,

(*a*) Tu, prudens ſcelus ob titulos cum admittis. *Bentl.* (*b*) Quid enim? venere. Qui cum venere. *Bentl.* (*c*) Ex æquore vellis.

Unde

disturbed in mind: and it will not matter whether he do a wrong thing thro' folly or rage. Is Ajax delirious while he kills the harmless lambs? Are you right in your head when you wilfully commit a crime for empty titles? And is your heart pure, while it is swoln with the vice *of ambition?* If any person should take a delight to carry about with him in his sedan a pretty lambkin; *and* should provide cloaths, should provide maids and gold for it, as for a daughter; should call it child, or little baby, and should destine it a wife for some stout husband; the prætor would take power from him being interdicted, and the management of him would devolve to his relations that were in their senses. What, if a man devote his daughter instead of a dumb lambkin, is he right of mind? Never say it. Therefore where there is a foolish depravity, there will be the height of madness: he who is wicked will be frantic too: Bellona, who delights in bloodshed, has thunder'd about his *head*, whom precarious fame has captivated.

Now, come on, arraign with me luxury and Nomentanus: for reason will evince that foolish spendthrifts are mad. This *fellow*, as soon as he received a thousand talents of patrimony, issues an order that the fishmonger, the fruiterer, the poulterer, the perfumer, and the impious gang of the Tuscan alley, prompters and buffoons, the whole shambles, together with *all* * Velabrum, should come to his house in the morning. What was the consequence? *Why* they came in crouds. The pander makes a speech: "Whatever I, or whatever each of these has at home, "believe it to be *entirely* yours; and give your order "for it either directly or to-morrow." *Now* hear what reply the considerate youth made. "You sleep "with your boots on in Lucanian snow, that I may "feast on a boar: you sweep the wintry seas for fish: "I am indolent, *and* unworthy to possess so much "*Here* away with it: do you take for your *share* ten "hundred thousand sesterces; you as much; you

* *A place in* Rome *where oil is sold.*

Unde uxor media currat de nocte vocata.
Filius Æsopi detractam ex aure Metellæ
(Scilicet ut decies solidum exsorberet) aceto
Diluit insignem baccam: qui sanior, ac si
Illud idem in rapidum flumen jaceretve cloacam?
Quinti progenies Arri, par nobile fratrum,
Nequitia et nugis, pravorum et amore gemellum,
Luscinias soliti impenso prandere coemtas,
Quorsum abeant? (a) sanin? creta an carbone notandi?

Ædificare casas, plostello adjungere mures,
Ludere par impar, equitare in arundine longa,
Si quem delectet barbatum; amentia verset.
Si puerilius his ratio esse evincet amare;
Nec quioquam differre, utrumne in pulvere, trimus
Quale prius, ludas opus, an meretricis amore
Solicitus plores: quæro, faciasne quod olim
Mutatus Polemon? ponas insignia morbi,
Fasciolas, cubital, focalia? potus ut ille
Dicitur ex collo furtim carpsisse coronas,
Postquam est impransi correptus voce magistri.
Porrigis irato puero cum poma, recusat:
Sume catelle; negat: si non des, optat. amator
Exclusus qui distat? agit ubi secum, eat, an non
Quo redituris erat non arcessitus; et hæret
Invisis foribus. (b) Nec nunc, cum me vocet ultro,
Accedam? an potius mediter finire dolores?

(a) Sani? an creta, an carbone notati?

(b) Ne nunc, cum me vocet.

Exclusit;

"thrice the ſum, from whoſe *houſe* your ſpouſe runs, "when called for, at midnight." The ſon of Æſopus, *the actor*, (that he might forſooth ſwallow a million of ſeſterces at a draught) diſſolved a precious pearl, which he had taken from the ear of Metella, in vinegar: how much wiſer was he *in doing this*, than if he had thrown the ſame into a rapid river, or the common ſewer? The progeny of Quintus Arius, an illuſtrious pair of brothers, *true* twins in wickedneſs and trifling, and the love of depravity, uſed to dine upon nightingales bought at a vaſt expence; how do theſe turn out? To be in their ſenſes? Are they to be mark'd with * chalk or charcoal?

If an *aged perſon* with a long beard ſhould take a delight to build baby-houſes, to yoke mice to a go-cart, to play at odd and even, *and* to ride upon a long cane; madneſs muſt be his motive. If reaſon ſhall evince, that to be in love is a more childiſh thing than theſe; and that there is no difference whether you play the ſame games in the duſt, as when three years old, or anxious whine for the love of an harlot: I beg to know, if you'll act as the reformed † Polemon did of old? Will you lay aſide thoſe enſigns of your diſeaſe, your rollers, your mantle, your mufflers? As he in his cups is ſaid to have privately torn the chaplet from his neck, after he was corrected by the ſpeech of his faſting maſter. When you offer apples to a croſs boy, he refuſes them: here, take them, you little dog; he denies you: if you give them not, he wants 'em. In what does an excluded lover differ *from ſuch a boy?* When he argues with himſelf whether he ſhould go or not, to that very place he was returning to, without being ſent for; and cleaves to the hated doors: "What, ſhall I not go to her now "when ſhe invites me of her own accord? Or ſhall "I rather think of putting an end to my pains? She

* *A proverbial expreſſion for being either acquitted or condemned.*

† Polemon, *a notorious rake, that went drunk into the ſchool of* Xenocrates, *by whom he was reformed, and afterwards became his diſciple.*

Excluſit; revocat: redeam? non, ſi obſecret. Ecce
Servus non paulo ſapientior: O here, quæ res
Nec modum habet, neque conſilium, ratione modoque
Tractari non vult. in amore hæc ſunt mala: bellum,
Pax rurſum. hæc ſi quis tempeſtatis prope ritu
Mobilia, et cæca fluitantia ſorte, laboret
Reddere certa ſibi; nihilo plus explicet, ac ſi
Inſanire paret certa ratione modoque.
Quid? cum Picenis excerpens ſemina pomis,
Gaudes, ſi cameram percuſti forte; penes te es?
Quid? cum balba feris annoſa verba palato,
Ædificante caſus qui ſanior? adde cruorem
Stultitiæ, atque ignem gladio ſcrutare. modo, inquam,
Hellade percuſſa, Marius cum præcipitat ſe,
Cerritus fuit? an commotæ crimine mentis,
Abſolves hominem, et ſceleris damnabis eundem,
Ex more imponens cognata vocabula rebus?

Libertinus erat, qui circum compita ſiccus
(a) Lautis mane ſenex manibus currebat, et unum,
(b) (Quid tam magnum? addens) unum me ſurpite morti,
Dis etenim facile eſt, orabat; ſanus utriſque
Auribus atque oculis: mentem, niſi litigioſus,
Exciperet dominus, cum venderet. hoc quoque vulgus
Chryſippus ponit fœcunda in gente Meneni.

Jupiter, ingentes qui das adimiſque dolores,
(Mater ait pueri menſes jam quinque cubantis)

(a) Lotis mane ſenex manibus. (b) Quiddam magnum.

" has excluded me; she recalls me: shall I return? " No, not if she shou'd beseech me." Observe the servant, not a little wiser: " O master, that which has " neither moderation nor conduct, cannot be guided " by reason or method. In love these evils are inhe- " rent: war *one while*, then peace again. If any one " shou'd endeavour to ascertain these things, that are " various as the weather, and fluctuating by blind " chance; he will make no more of it, than if he " should set about raving by right reason and rule." What? when picking the pippins from the Picenian apples, you rejoice if haply you have struck the vaulted roofs are you yourself? What? when you strike our faultring accents from your antiquated palate, how much wiser are you than a *child* that builds houses *of clay? Then* to the folly *of love* add bloodshed, *its consequence*, and * stir the fire with a sword. I ask you, when Marius lately, after he had stabb'd Hellas, threw himself down a precipice, was he raving mad? Or will you absolve the man from the imputation of a disturbed mind, and condemn him for the crime, according to *your* custom, imposing on things names that have an affinity † *in signification?*

There was a *certain* freedman, who, an old man, ran about the streets in a morning fasting, with his hands washed, and prayed *thus*, " Snatch me alone " from death; (adding, for what so great thing is " it?) me alone, for it is an easy matter for the " Gods;" *this man* was sound in both his ears and eyes: *but* his master, when he sold him, wou'd except his understanding, unless he was fond of lawsuits. This croud too Chrysippus places in the fruitful family of ‡ Menenius.

O Jupiter, who inflictest and takest away the greatest afflictions, (cries the mother of the boy now lying

* *A proverbial expression for making bad worse.*

† *In order to make a distinction where there is no difference, for wickedness (argues he) is madness.*

‡ *The family of* Menenius—*a crazy person, of a numerous and illustrious family.*

Frigida si puerum quartana reliquerit; illo
Mane die, quo tu indicis jejunia, nudus
In Tiberi stabit. Casus medicusve levarit
Ægrum ex præcipiti; mater delira necabit
In gelida fixum ripa, febrimque reducet.
Quone malo mentem concussa? timore Deorum.

Hæc mihi Stertinius, sapientum octavus, amico
Arma dedit, posthac ne compellarer inultus.
Dixerit insanum qui me, totidem audiet; atque
Respicere ignoto discet pendentia tergo.

Stoice, post damnum sic vendas omnia pluris:
Qua me stultitia (quoniam non est genus unum)
Insanire putas? ego nam videor mihi sanus.
Quid? caput *(a)* abscissum demens cum portat Agave
Gnati infelicis, sibi tum furiosa videtur?
Stultum me fateor (liceat concedere veris)
Atque etiam insanum: tantum hoc edisse, quo me
Ægrotare putes animi vitio. Accipe: primum
Ædificas; hoc est, longos imitaris, ab imo
Ad summum totus moduli bipedalis: et idem
Corpore majorem rides Turbonis in armis
Spiritum et incessum: qui ridiculus minus illo?
An quodcunque facit Mæcenas, te quoque verum est,
Tanto dissimilem, et tanto certare minorem?
Absentis ranæ pullis vituli pede pressis,

(*a*) Abscissum manibus cum portat.

Unus

ſick a-bed for five months) if *this* cold quartan *ague* ſhould leave the child; that day, in the morning on which you injoin a faſt, he ſhall ſtand naked in the Tiber. Should chance, or the phyſician, relieve the patient from his imminent danger; the infatuated mother will deſtroy *the boy* placed on a cold bank, and will bring back the fever. With what diſorder of the mind is ſhe ſtricken? Why with a *ſuperſtitious* fear of the Gods!

Theſe arms Stertinius, the eighth of the wiſe men, gave to me, *as* to a friend, that for the future I might not be roughly accoſted without revenging myſelf. Whoſoever ſhall call me madman, ſhall hear as much from me *in return*; and ſhall learn to look back upon the * bag that hangs behind him.

O Stoic, ſo may you, after your damage, ſell all *your merchandiſes* the better: what folly (for *it ſeems* there are more kinds than one) do you think I am infatuated with? For to myſelf I ſeem *quite* ſound. What? when † Agave carries the amputated head of her unhappy ſon in her hands, does ſhe then ſeem mad to herſelf? I allow myſelf a fool (let me yield to the truth) and a madman likewiſe: only declare this, with what *particular* diſtemper of mind you think me afflicted. Hear then: in the firſt place you build; that is, *tho'* from top to bottom *you are but* of the two-foot ſize, you imitate the tall: and *yet* you, the ſame perſon, laugh at the ſpirit and ſtrut of ‡ Turbo in armour, too great for his *little* body: *pray*, how are you leſs ridiculous than him? What is it fitting, that in every thing Mæcenas does, you, who are ſo very much unlike him, and ſo much his inferior, ſhou'd vie with him? The young ones of a frog being in her

* *Alluding to a fable of* Æſop, *where* Jupiter *is feigned to have put two bags upon every man, the one, fill'd with his neighbours faults, before, the other, fill'd with his own, behind; ſo that he ſees the former, but not the latter.*

† Agave *ſlew her ſon* Pentheus *for deſpiſing the* Bacchanalian *ceremonies.*

‡ Turbo *was a little ſtrutting gladiator.*

Unus ubi effugit, matri denarrat, ut ingens
Bellua cognatos eliserit. illa rogare,
Quantane? *(a)* num tandem, se inflans, sic magna fuisset?
(b) Major dimidio. Num tanto? Cum magis atque
Se magis inflaret; non, si te ruperis, inquit,
Par eris. Hæc a te non multum abludit imago.
Adde poemata nunc: (hoc est, oleum adde camino)
Quæ si quis sanus fecit, sanus facis et tu.
Non dico horrendam rabiem---Jam define---Cultum
Majorem censu---Teneas, Damasippe, tuis te---
Mille puellarum, puerorum mille furores---
O major tandem parcas insane minori.

SATYRA IV.

Catii nescio cujus fatuitatem irridet, qui summam hominis felicitatem in arte culinaria poneret.

UNDE, et quo Catius? Non est mihi tempus aventi
Ponere signa novis præceptis: qualia vincant
Pythagoran, Anytique reum, doctumque Platona.
Peccatum fateor, cum te sic tempore lævo
Interpellarim: sed des veniam bonus, oro.
Quod si interciderit tibi nunc aliquid, repetes mox:
Sive est naturæ hoc, sive artis, mirus utroque.
Quin id erat curæ, quo pacto cuncta tenerem;
Utpote res tenues, tenui sermone peractas.
Ede hominis nomen; *(c)* simul et Romanus, an hospes.
(d) Ipsa memor præcepta canam: celabitur auctor.

(*a*) Num tantum, sufflans se, magna fuisset? (*b*) Major perinimio, num tantum? *Bentl.* (*c*) Simul an Romanus. (*d*) Ipse memor præcepta canam.

Longa

abſence cruſh'd by the foot of a calf, when one of them had made his eſcape, he told his mother what an huge beaſt had daſh'd his brethren to pieces. She began to aſk, how big? What, prithee, was it ſo great? *ſays ſhe*, puffing up herſelf: then *the young one anſwered*, greater by half: What, ſo big? When ſhe had ſwell'd herſelf more and more; if you ſhould burſt yourſelf, ſays he, you will not be equal to it. This image bears no ill alluſion to you. Now add poems: (that is, add oil to the fire) which, if ever any man in his ſenſes *made*, why ſo do you. I do not mention your horrid rage *of temper*.—At length, have done——Your way of living beyond your fortune.——Confine yourſelf to your own affairs, Damaſippus.——Thoſe thouſand paſſions for the fair. Thou greater madman, at laſt, ſpare thy inferior.

SATIRE IV.

He ridicules the abſurdity of one Catius, *who placed the ſummit of human felicity in the culinary art.*

WHENCE, and whither, Catius? I have not time *to inform you*, being deſirous of impreſſing *on my memory* ſome new precepts: ſuch as may excel Pythagoras, and * him that was accuſed by Anytus, and the learned Plato. I acknowledge my offence, ſince I have interrupted you at ſo unlucky a juncture: but grant me your pardon, good ſir, I beſeech you. If any thing ſhould have ſlipped you now, you will preſently recollect it; whether this *talent* of yours be of nature, or of art, *for* you are amazing in both. Nay, but I was ſolicitous, how I might retain all *theſe precepts*; as being things of a delicate nature, and in a delicate ſtyle. Tell me the name of this perſonage; and at the ſame time whether he is a Roman, or a foreigner? As I have them by heart, I will recite the precepts: the author muſt be conceal'd.

* Socrates, *who was falſely accuſed by* Melitus *and* Anytus *of contemning the Gods.*

Longa quibus facies ovis erit, illa memento,
Ut succi melioris, et ut *(a)* magis alba rotundis,
Ponere: namque marem cohibent callosa vitellum.
Caule suburbano, qui siccis crevit in agris,
Dulcior: irriguo nihil est elutius horto.
Si vespertinus subito te oppresserit hospes;
Ne gallina malum responset dura palato,
Doctus eris vivam *(b)* misto mersare Falerno;
Hoc teneram faciet. pratensibus optima fungis
Natura est: aliis male creditur. ille salubres
Æstates peraget, qui nigris prandia moris
Finiet, ante gravem quæ legerit arbore solem.
Ausidius forti miscebat mella Falerno,
Mendose: quoniam vacuis committere venis
Nil nisi lene decet: leni præcordia mulso
Prolueris melius. si dura morabitur alvus;
Mitulus et viles pellent obstantia conchæ,
Et lapathi brevis herba; sed albo non fine Coo.
Lubrica nascentes implent conchylia lunæ.
Sed non omne mare est generosæ fertile testæ.
Murice Baiana melior Lucrina peloris:
Ostrea Circæis, Miseno oriuntur echini:
Pectinibus patulis jactat se molle Tarentum.
Nec sibi cœnarum quivis temere arroget artem,
Non prius exacta tenui ratione saporum.
Nec satis est cara pisces averrere mensa,
Ignarum quibus est jus aptius, et quibus assis
Languidus in cubitum jam se conviva reponet.
Umber, et iligna nutritus glande, rotundas
Curvat aper lances carnem vitantis inertem:

(*a*) Magis alma rotundis. *Bentl.* Alta *(i. e.)* alentiora. *Cunn.*
(*b*) Musto mersare Falerno. *Bentl.*

Nam

Observe, *in the first place*, to serve up those eggs that are of an oblong make, as being of sweeter flavour, and finer colour, than the round ones: for being tough-shell'd, they contain a male yolk. Cabbage that grows in dry lands, is sweeter than that about town; nothing is more flashy than a garden much watered. If a visitor should come unexpectedly upon you in the evening; lest the old hen, being tough, prove disagreeable to his palate, you must be instructed to drown it in Falernian wine, mixed *with water*; this will make it tender. The mushrooms that grow in meadows are of the best kind: all others are dangerously trusted. That man shall spend his summers healthy, who shall finish his dinners *with* mulberries black *with ripeness*, which he shall have gather'd from the tree, before the sun is too powerful. Ausidius used to mix honey with strong Falernian, injudiciously: because it is fitting to commit nothing to the empty veins, but what is emollient: you will, with more propriety, wash your stomach with soft mead. If your belly should be hard bound, limpits and coarse cockles will remove *all* obstructions; likewise leaves of the small sorrel; but not without Coan white wine. The increasing moons fill out the lubricating shell-fish. But every sea is not *alike* productive of the exquisite sorts. The Lucrine muscle is better than the Baian burret: *the best* oysters come from the Circean promontory; cray-fish from Misenum: the soft Tarentum plumes herself on her broad scallops. Let no one presumptuously arrogate to himself the science of banqueting, unless the nice doctrine of tastes has been previously consider'd by him with great exactness. Nor is it enough to sweep away a parcel of fishes from the expensive stall, *while he remains* ignorant for what sort stew'd sauce is more proper, and what being roasted, the fated guest will presently* replace himself on his elbow. Let the boar from Umbria, and that which has been fed with the acorns of the scarlet oak, bend the round dishes of that person,

* *Such was the eating posture of the* Romans.

Nàm Laurens malus eſt, ulvis et arundine pinguis.
Vinea ſummittit capreas non ſemper edules.
Fecundi leporis ſapiens ſectabitur armos.
Piſcibus, atque avibus, quæ natura, et foret ætas,
Ante meum nulli patuit *(a)* quæſita palatum.
Sunt quorum ingenium nova tantum cruſtula promit.
Nequaquam ſatis in re una conſumere curam:
Ut ſi quis ſolum hoc, male ne ſint vina, laboret;
Quali perfundat piſces ſecurus olivo.
Maſſica ſi cœlo ſupponas vina ſereno,
Nocturna, ſi quid craſſi eſt, tenuabitur aura,
Et decedet odor nervis inimicus: at illa
Integrum perdunt lino vitiata ſaporem.
Surrentina vafer qui miſcet fæce Falerna
Vina, columbino limum bene colligit ovo;
Quatenus ima petit volvens aliena vitellus.
Toſtis marcentem ſquillis recreabis et Afra
Potorem cochlea: nam lactuca innatat acri
Poſt vinum ſtomacho: peſna magis; ac magis hillis
Flagitat in morſus refici: quia omnia malit,
Quæcunque immundis fervent allata popinis.
Eſt operæ pretium duplicis pernoſcere juris
Naturam. ſimplex e dulci conſtat olivo:
At pingui miſcere mero muriaque decebit,
Non alia quam qua *(b)* Byzantia putruit orca.
Hoc ubi confuſum ſectis inſerbuit herbis,
Corycioque croco ſparſum ſtetit, inſuper addes
Preſſa Venafranæ quod bacca remiſit olivæ.
Picenis cedunt pomis Tiburtia ſucco:
Nam facie præſtant. Venucula convenit ollis.
Rectius Albanam ſumo duraveris uvam.
Hanc ego cum maſſis, ego fæcem primus, et alec,
(c) Primus et invenior piper album cum ſale nigro

(a) Quæſita palata. (b) Byſantia putuit orca. (c) Primus et inveni.

Inere-

who diſlikes all flabby meat: for the Laurentian *boar*, fatten'd with flags and reeds, is bad. The vineyard does not always afford the moſt eatable kids. A man of ſenſe will be fond of the wings of a pregnant hare. What is the proper age and nature of fiſh and fowl, *tho'* enquired after, never was diſcover'd before my *diſtinguiſhing* palate. There are ſome, whoſe genius invents nothing but new kinds of paſtry. *But* to waſte one's care upon one thing, is by no means ſufficient: juſt as if any perſon ſhould uſe all his endeavours for this only, that the wine be not bad; quite careleſs, *at the ſame time*, what oil he pours upon his fiſh. If you put out *your* Maſſic wine in fair weather; if there is any thick in it, it will be attenuated by the nocturnal air, and *that* ſmell, *which* is unfriendly to the nerves, will go off: but if filtrated thro' linen, it will loſe its entire flavour. He, who ſkilfully mixes the Surrentinian wine with Falernian lees, collects the ſediment with a pigeon's egg: becauſe the yolk tends to the bottom, rolling *down with it* all the heterogeneous parts. You may rouſe the jaded toper with roaſted ſhrimps and African cockles: for lettuce after wine floats upon the ſower'd ſtomach: by ham preferably; and by ſauſages rather it craves to be reſtored to its *true tone and* appetite: nay, it will prefer every thing which is brought ſmoaking hot from the naſty eating houſes. It is worth while to be acquainted with the two ſorts of ſauce. The ſimple conſiſts of ſweet oil; but it will be proper to mix it with rich wine and pickle, *but with* no other *pickle* than that with which the Byzantian jar has been tainted. When this, mixed with ſhredded herbs, has boiled, and, ſprinkled with Corycian ſaffron, has ſtood *ſome time*, you ſhall over and above add what the berry of the Venafran olive yields, when preſſed. The Tiburtian yield to the Picenian apples in juice: tho' they excel in look. The Venuſian grape is proper for *preſerving in* pots. The Albanian you had better harden in the ſmoke. I am found to be the firſt that ſerved up this grape with apples in neat little plates, to be the firſt *likewiſe that ſerved up* wine-lees and herring-brine, *and* white pep-

Incretum, puris circumposuisse catillis.
Immane est vitium, dare millia terna macello,
Angustoque vagos pisces urgere catino.
Magna movet stomacho fastidia; seu puer unctis
Tractavit calicem manibus, dum furta ligarit:
Sive gravis veteri crateræ limus adhæsit,
Vilibus in scopis, in mappis, in scobe quantas
Consistit famtus? neglectis, flagitium ingens.
Ten' lapides varios lutulenta radere palma,
Et Tyrias dare circum illota toralia vestes;
Oblitum, quanto curam sumtumque minorem
Hæc habeant, tanto reprendi justius illis
Quæ nisi divitibus nequeunt contingere mensis?

Docte Cati, per amicitiam Divosque rogatus,
Ducere me auditum, perges *(a)* quocunque, memento.
Nam quamvis referas memori mihi pectore cuncta;
Non tamen interpres tantundem juveris. adde
Vultum habitumque hominis; quem tu vidisse beatus
Non magni pendis, quia contigit: at mihi cura
Non mediocris inest, fontes ut adire remotos,
Atque haurire queam vitæ præcepta beatæ.

SATYRA V.

Hereditatum captatores quibus artibus uterentur, facete Ulyssem inter et Tiresiam dialogo exponit.

HOC quoque, Tiresia, præter narrata, petenti
Responde: quibus amissas reparare queam res
Artibus atque modis—quid rides? *(b)* Jamne, doloso,
Non satis est Ithacam revehi, patriosque penates

(a) Quumcunque. *Cunn.* (b) Jamne doloso.

per finely mixed with black salt. It is an enormous fault to bestow three thousand sesterces on the fish-market, and to cramp the roving fishes in a narrow dish. A great nauseating disturbs the stomach; if either the slave touches the cup with greasy hands, while he licks up snacks: or if offensive grime has adhered to the ancient goblet. In trays, in mats, in saw-dust, *that are so* cheap, what great expence can there be? *But* if they are neglected, 'tis an heinous shame. What, is *it fitting* that you should sweep Mosaic pavements with a dirty broom made of palm, and throw Tyrian carpets over the unwashed furniture of your couch; not remembring, that by how much less care and expence these things are attended with, so much the more justly may *the want of them* be found fault with, than with those things which cannot be obtained, but at the tables of the rich?

Learned Catius, entreated by our friendship and the Gods, remember to introduce me to an audience *with this great man*, whenever you shall go to him. For tho' by your memory you relate every thing *faithfully* to me; yet, as a relator, you cannot delight me in so high a degree. Add to this, the countenance and deportment of the man; whom you, happy in having seen, do not much regard, because it has been your lot: but I have no small solicitude, that I may approach the distant fountain-heads, and imbibe the precepts of *such* a blessed life.

SATIRE V.

In an humorous dialogue between Ulysses *and* Tiresias, *he exposes those arts, which the fortune-hunters made use of,* in order to be appointed the heirs of rich old men.

BESIDES what you have *already* told me, O Tiresias, answer to this petition of mine: by what arts and expedients may I be able to repair my ruin'd fortunes—why do you laugh? Does it already seem little to you, you cozener, to be brought back *safe*

Aſpicere? O nulli quidquam mentite, vides, ut
Nudus inopſque domum redeam, te vate: neque illic
Aut apotheca procis intacta eſt, aut pecus. atqui
Et genus, et virtus, niſi cum re, vilior alga eſt.

Quando pauperiem (miſſis ambagibus) horres;
Accipe qua ratione queas diteſcere. turdus,
Sive aliud privum dabitur tibi; devolet illuc,
Res ubi magna nitet, domino ſene: dulcia poma,
Et quoſcunque feret cultus tibi fundus honores,
Ante Larem guſtet venerabilior Lare dives:
Qui quamvis perjurus erit, ſine gente, cruentus
Sanguine fraterno, fugitivus; ne tamen illi
Tu comes exterior, ſi poſtulet, ire recuſes.
Utne tegam ſpurco Damæ latus? haud ita Trojæ
Me geſſi, certans ſemper melioribus. Ergo
Pauper eris. Fortem hoc animum tolerare jubebo;
Et quondam majora tuli. tu protinus, unde
Divitias, æriſque ruam, dic, augur, acervos.
Dixi equidem, et dico. captes aſtutus ubique
Teſtamenta ſenum: neu, ſi vafer unus et alter
Inſidiatorem præroſo fugerit hamo
Aut ſpem deponas, aut artem illuſus omittas.
Magna minorve foro ſi res certabitur olim;
Vivet uter locuples ſine gnatis, improbus, ultro
Qui meliorem audax vocet in jus, illius eſto
Defenſor: fama civem cauſaque priorem
Sperne, domi ſi gnatus erit, fecundave conjux.
Quinte, puta, aut Publi, (gaudent prænomine molles

Auri-

to Ithaca, and to behold *again* your family houſhold Gods? O you, who never ſpake falſe to any one, you ſee how naked and deſtitute I return home, according to your prophecy: nor is there either my magazine, or cattle, unembezzled by the ſuitors *of Penelope*. But birth and virtue, unleſs *attended* with ſubſtance, is viler *traſh* than ſea-weed.

Since (circumlocution apart) you are in dread of poverty; hear by what means you may grow wealthy. If a thruſh, or any *dainty* thing for your own private *eating* ſhall be given you; let it ſpeed away to that place, where ſhines a great fortune, the poſſeſſor being an old man: delicious apples, and whatever dainties your well-cultivated ground brings forth for you, let the rich man, *as* more to be reverenced than your houſhold God, taſte before him: who, tho' he be perjured, of no family, ſtained with his brother's blood, a runaway; if he deſires it, do not refuſe to go along with him his companion on the * exterior ſide. What, ſhall I walk cheek by jole with a filthy Damas; I did not behave myſelf in that manner at Troy, contending always with the beſt. You muſt then be poor. I will command my indignant ſoul to bear this *evil*; and formerly I have endured greater. Do you *however*, O prophet, tell me directly how I may amaſs riches, and heaps of money. In troth I have told you, and tell you again. Uſe your craft to lie at catch for the laſt wills of old men: nor, if one or two cunning chaps eſcape *the angler* by biting the bait off the hook, either lay aſide hope, nor quit the art, tho' diſappointed in your aim. If an affair, *either* of little or great conſequence, ſhall be conteſted at any time at the bar; which ever of the parties lives wealthy without heirs, *ſhould he be* a rogue, who daringly takes the law of a better man, be you his advocate: deſpiſe the citizen who is ſuperior in reputation and *the juſtneſs* of his cauſe, if at home he has a ſon, or a fruitful wife. *Addreſs him thus:* "Quintus" for inſtance, or Publius,

* *The left ſide; that is, give him the wall.*

(delicate

Auriculæ) tibi me virtus tua fecit amicum.
Jus anceps novi; causas defendere possum.
Eripiet quivis oculos citius mihi, quam te
Contentum (a) cassa nuce pauperet. hæc mea cura est,
Ne quid tu perdas, neu sis jocus, ire domum, atque
Pelliculam curare jube. si cognitor ipse:
Perstа, atque obdura: seu rubra Canicula findet
Infantes statuas; seu pingui tentus omaso
Furius hibernas cana nive conspuet Alpes.
Nonne vides (aliquis cubito stantem prope tangens
Inquiet) ut patiens, ut amicis aptus, ut acer?
Plures (b) annabunt thynni, et cetaria crescent.

Si cui præterea validus male filius in re
Præclara sublatus aletur; ne manifestum
Cœlibis obsequium nudet te, leniter in spem
Arrepe officiosus, ut et scribare secundus
Heres; et, si quis casus puerum egerit Orco,
In vacuum venias: perraro hæc alea fallit.
Qui testamentum tradet tibi cunque legendum,
Abnuere, et tabulas a te removere memento:
Sic tamen, ut limis rapias quid prima secundo
Cera velit versu; solus, multisne cohæres
Veloci percurre oculo. plerumque recoctus

(a) Quassa nuce pauperet. (b) Adnabunt cygni et vivaria crescent.

(delicate ears delight in the * additional name) "your "virtue has made me your friend. I am acquainted "with all the precarious quirks of the law; I can "plead cauſes. Any one ſhall ſooner ſnatch my eyes "from me, than he ſhall think meanly of, and de-"fraud you of *the value of* a dead nut. This is my "care, that you loſe nothing, that you be not made a "jeſt of." *Then* bid him go home, and make much of himſelf. Be his ſolicitor yourſelf: perſevere, and be ſtedfaſt: whether the glaring dog-ſtar ſhall cleave the infant ſtatues; or † Furius, diſtended with his greaſy paunch, ſhall ſpew white ſnow over the wintry Alps. Don't you ſee (ſhall ſome one ſay, jogging the perſon that ſtands next to him by the elbow) how indefatigable he is, how ſerviceable to his friends, how acute? *By this means* more gudgeons ſhall ſwim in, and your fiſh-ponds ſhall increaſe.

Further, if any one in affluent circumſtances has reared an ailing ſon; left a *too* open complaiſance to a ſingle man ſhould detect you, creep gradually into the hope *of ſucceeding him*, and that you may be ſet down as ſecond heir; and, if any caſualty ſhould diſpatch the boy to his long home, you may come into the vacancy: this die ſeldom fails. Whoever delivers his will to you to read, be mindful to decline it, and puſh the parchments from you: *do* it however in ſuch a manner, that you may catch with an oblique glance, what the firſt ‡ page intimates to be in the ſecond clauſe: run over with a quick eye, whether you are ſole heir, or coheir with many *others*. Sometimes a well-ſeaſon'd lawyer, *riſen* from a ‖ Quinque-vir, ſhall

* *The prænomen was the firſt name of the three, which* Romans *of condition generally had, as* Marcus Tullius Cicero, Publius Virgilius Maro.

† *A parody upon a bombaſtic line of* Furius Bibaculus.

‡ *Literally*, the firſt wax; *for they uſed to cut their letters with the ſtylus (already deſcribed) upon wax, ſpread upon vellum, or tablets.*

‖ Quinque-vir; *one of five commiſſioners to execute a tranſaction; an officer (it ſhould ſeem by this paſſage) of no great conſequence.*

Scriba ex Quinqueviro corvum deludet hiantem;
Captatorque dabit risus Nasica Corano.

Nam furis? an prudens ludis me, obscura canendo?
O Laertiade, quidquid dicam, aut erit, aut non:
Divinare etenim magnus mihi donat Apollo.
Quid tamen ista velit sibi fabula, *(a)* si licet, ede.

Tempore quo juvenis Parthis horrendus, ab alto
Demissum genus Æneа, tellure marique
Magnus erit; forti nubet procera Corano
Filia Nasicæ metuentis reddere soldum.
Tum gener hoc faciet: tabulas socero dabit, atque
Ut legat, orabit: multum Nasica negatas
Accipiet tandem, et tacitus leget; invenietque
Nil sibi legatum, præter plorare, suisque.

Illud ab hæc jubeo: mulier si forte dolosa,
Libertusve senem delirum temperet; illis
Accedas socius: laudes, lauderis ut absens.
Adjuvat hoc quoque: sed vincit longe prius ipsum
Expugnare caput. feribet mala carmina vecors?
Laudato. scortator erit? cave te roget: ultro
Penelopen facilis potiori trade. Putasne,
Perduci poterit tam frugi, tamque pudica,
Quam nequiere proci recto depellere cursu?
(b) Venit enim magnum donandi parca juventus,
Nec tantum Veneris, quantum studiosa culinæ.
Sic tibi Penelope frugi est: quæ si semel uno
De sene gustarit, tecum partita lucellum;
Utcanis, a corio nunquam absterrebitur uncto.

(*a*) Scilicet ede. (*b*) Venit enim magno: donandi. *Bos.* Venit enim (indignum). *Heat.*

Me

delude the gaping raven; and the fortune-hunter Naſica ſhall be laughed at by Coranus.

What, do you rave? Or do you play upon me deſignedly, by uttering obſcurities? O ſon of Laertes, whatever I ſhall ſay, will *actually* come to paſs, or *it will* not: for the great Apollo gives me the power to divine. Then, if it is proper, relate what that tale means.

At that time when the youth, dreaded by the Parthians, an offspring derived from the noble Æneas, ſhall be mighty by land and ſea; the tall daughter of Naſica, *ſo* averſe to pay the ſum total of his debts, ſhall wed the ſtout Coranus. Then the ſon-in-law ſhall proceed thus: he ſhall deliver his will to his father-in-law, and intreat him that he would read it: Naſica will at length receive it, after it has many times been refuſed by him, and ſhall ſilently peruſe it; and will find no other legacy left to him and his, except *leave* to lament.

To theſe *directions I have already given*, I ſubjoin that *following*: if haply a cunning woman, or a freedman, have the management of an old driveler; join with them as an aſſociate: praiſe them, that you may be praiſed in your abſence. This too is of ſervice: but to ſtorm the capital itſelf, excels this method by far. Shall he, a dotard, ſcribble wretched verſes? applaud them. Shall he be a wencher? Take care *you do not ſuffer* him to aſk you: of your own accord complaiſantly deliver up *your* Penelope to him, *as* preferable *to yourſelf*. What do you think ſo ſober, and ſo chaſte *a woman* can be brought over, whom *ſo many* woers cou'd not divert from the right courſe? *May be ſo*—becauſe a parcel of young fellows came, *who were too* parſimonious to give a great price, nor ſo much deſirous of an amorous intercourſe, as of the kitchen. So far your Penelope is chaſte: who, had ſhe once taſted of one old *doating gallant*, and ſhared with you the profit; *ſhe would have been* like a hound, which will never be frighted away from the reeking ſkin of *the new-kill'd game*.

What

Me ſene, quod dicam, factum eſt: anus improba Thebis
Ex teſtamento ſic eſt elata: cadaver
Unctum oleo largo nudis humeris tulit heres;
Scilicet elabi ſi poſſet mortua: credo,
Quod nimium inſtiterat viventi. cautus adito:
Neu deſis operæ, neve immoderatus abundes.
Difficilem et moroſum *(a)* offendet garrulus ultro.
Non etiam ſileas. Davus ſis comicus; atque
Stes capite obſtipo, multum ſimilis metuenti,
Obſequio graſſare: mone, ſi increbuit aura,
Cautus uti velet carum caput: extrahe turba
Oppoſitis humeris: aurem ſubſtringe loquaci.
Importunus amat laudari? donec, ohe jam
Ad cœlum manibus ſublatis dixerit, urge; et
Creſcentem tumidis infla ſermonibus utrem.
Cum te ſervitio longo curaque levarit;
Et certum vigilans, Quartæ eſto partis Ulyſſes,
Audieris heres: Ergo nunc Dama ſodalis
Nuſquam eſt! unde mihi tam fortem, tamque fidelem!
Sparge ſubinde; *(b)* et, ſi paulum potes, illacrymare.
eſt
(c) Gaudia prodentem vultum celare. ſepulcrum
Permiſſum arbitrio, ſine ſordibus exſtrue. funus
Egregie factum laudet vicinia. ſi quis
Forte coheredum ſenior male tuſſiet; huic tu
Dic, ex parte tua, ſeu fundi, ſive domus ſit
Emtor, gaudentem nummo te addicere. ſed me
Imperiosa trahit Proſerpina. vive, valeque.

(*a*) Offendet garrulus ultro. *Bentl.* (*b*) Et ſic paulum potes illacrymare et gaudia prudentes vultu celare. *Bentl.* (*c*) Gaudia prudentum vultu celare.

What I am going to tell you, happened when I was an old man: a wicked hag at Thebes was, according to her will, carried forth in this manner: her heir bore her corpſe, anointed with a large quantity of oil, upon his naked ſhoulders; with the intent that, if poſſible, ſhe might eſcape from him *even* when dead: becauſe, I imagine, he had preſſed upon her too much when living. Be cautious in your addreſſes: neither be wanting in your pains, nor be immoderately exuberant. By voluntary garrulity you'll offend the ſplenetick and moroſe. You muſt not, *however*, be ſilent. Be Davus in the play; and ſtand with your head on one ſide, much like one who ſtands in great awe. Attack him with complaiſance: if the air freſhens, adviſe him carefully to cover up his precious head: diſengage him from the croud, by oppoſing your ſhoulders *to it:* cloſely attach your ear to him if chatty *. Is he immoderately fond of being praiſed? Ply him home, till he ſhall cry out, with his hands lifted up to heaven, Oh; and puff up the ſwelling bladder with tumid ſpeeches. When he ſhall have *at laſt* releaſed you from your long ſervitude and anxiety; and being certainly awake, you ſhall hear *this article in his will,* "Let Ulyſſes be heir of one "fourth of my eſtate:" Is then my companion Damas now no more! Where ſhall I find *another* ſo brave and ſo faithful! Throw out *ſomething of this kind* every now and then: and, if you can a little, weep for him. It is fit to diſguiſe your countenance, which *otherwiſe* wou'd betray your joy. *As for* the monument, which is left to your own diſcretion, erect it without meanneſs. The neighbourhood will commend the funeral handſomely performed. If haply any of your coheirs, being advanced in years, ſhou'd have a dangerous cough; whether he has a mind to be a purchaſer of a farm, or a houſe, out of your ſhare, tell him you will *come to any terms he ſhall propoſe, and* make it over to him gladly for a trifling ſum. But the imperious Proſerpine drags me hence. Live, and proſper.

* Aurem ſubſtringere, *ſignifies, putting the hair behind the ears, to be able to hear better.*

SATIRE

SATYRA VI.

Ruſticani otii commoda cum urbanæ vitæ moleſtiis contendit.

HOC erat in votis: modus agri non ita magnus,
Hortus ubi, et tecto vicinus jugis aquæ fons
Et paulum ſilvæ ſuper his foret. auctius, atque
Dii melius fecere bene eſt: nihil amplius oro,
Maia nate, niſi ut propria hæc mihi munera faxis.
Si neque majorem feci ratione malarem,
Nec ſum facturus vitio culpave minorem:
Si veneror ſtultus nihil horum; O ſi angulus ille
Proximus accedat, qui nunc denormat agellum!
O ſi urnam argenti *(a)* fors quæ mihi monſtret! ut illi,
Theſauro invento qui mercenarius agrum
Illum ipſum mercatus aravit, dives amico
Hercule: ſi, quod adeſt, gratum juvat: hac prece te oro:
Pingue pecus domino facias, et cætera, præter
Ingenium: utque ſoles, cuſtos mihi maximus adſis.
Ergo ubi me in montes et in arcem ex Urbe removi,
Quid prius illuſtrem Satyris Muſaque pedeſtri?
Nec mala me ambitio perdit, nec plumbeus Auſter,
Autumnuſque gravis, Libitinæ quæſtus acerbæ.

Matutine pater, ſeu Jane libentius audis,
Unde homines operum primos vitæque labores
Inſtituunt, (ſic Dis placitum) tu carminis eſto

(*a*) Fors qua mihi monſtret.

Prin.

SATIRE VI.

He sets the conveniences of a country retirement in opposition to the troubles of a life in town.

THIS was *ever* amongst the number of my wishes: a portion of ground not over large, in which was a garden, and a fountain with a continual stream close to my house, and a little woodland besides. The Gods have done more abundantly and better for me *than this.* 'Tis well: O * son of Maia, I ask nothing more, save that you would make these donations lasting for me. If I have neither made my estate larger by bad means, nor am in a way to render it less by vice or misconduct; if I do not foolishly make any petition of this sort; O that yon neighbouring angle, which now spoils the regularity of my field, cou'd be join'd *to it!* O that some accident wou'd discover to me an urn *full* of money! as it *did* to him, who, a treasure being found by him, bought that very ground he before tilled in capacity of an hired servant, enriched by † Hercules's being his friend: if what I have at present satisfies my grateful *mind:* I supplicate you with this prayer: Make my cattle fat for the use of their master, and every thing else, except my genius: and, as you are wont, be my chief guardian. Wherefore, when I have removed myself from the city to the mountains and my castle, what can I adorn preferably to my satires and prosaic muse? *There* neither evil ambition destroys me, nor the heavy south wind, or the fickly autumn, the gain of baleful ‡ Libitina.

Father of the morning, or Janus, if with more pleasure you hear yourself *called by that name,* from whom men commence the toils of their business, and *ways* of life, (such is the will of the Gods) be thou the

* Mercury.

† *He was supposed to preside over hid treasure, and unexpected gain.*

‡ *The Goddess of funerals or death.*

Principium. Romæ ſponſorem me rapis: Eia,
Ne prior officio quiſquam reſpondeat, urge:
Sive Aquilo radit terras, ſeu bruma nivalem
Interiore diem gyro trahit, ire neceſſe eſt.
Poſtmodo, quod mi obſit, clare certumque locuto,
Luctandum in turba; facienda injuria tardis.
(a) Quid vis, inſane, et quas res agis? improbus urget
Iratis precibus. tu pulſes omne quod obſtat,
Ad Mæcenatem memori ſi mente recurras.
Hoc juvat, et melli eſt; non mentiar. at ſimul atras
Ventum eſt Eſquilias; aliena negotia centum
Per caput, et circa ſaliunt latus. ante ſecundam
Roſcius orabat ſibi adeſſes ad Puteal cras.
De re communi ſcribæ magna atque nova te
Orabant hodie meminiſſes, Quinte, reverti.
Imprimat his cura Mæcenas ſigna tabellis.
Dixeris, Experiar: Si vis, potes, addit; et inſtat.
Septimus octavo propior jam fugerit annus,
Ex quo Mæcenas me cœpit habere ſuorum
In numero; duntaxat ad hoc, quem tollere rheda
Vellet, iter faciens, et cui concredere nugas
Hoc genus: Hora quota eſt? Thrax eſt Gallina Syro par?
Matutina parum cautos jam frigora mordent;
Et quæ rimoſa bene deponuntur in aure.
Per totum hoc tempus, ſubjectior in diem & horam
(b) Invidiæ. Noſter ludos ſpectaverat una,

(a) Quid tibi vis, inſane, et quam rem agis? *Bentl.*
(b) Invidiæ noſter. ludos ſpectaverit una, Luſerit. *Bentl.*

beginning of my ſong. At Rome you hurry me away to be bail *for ſome one:* Away, diſpatch, *you cry*, leſt any one ſhould be before-hand with you in doing that *friendly* office: I muſt go at all events, whether the north wind ſweep the earth, or winter contracts the ſnowy day into a narrower circle. After this, having uttered in a clear and determinate manner *the legal form*, which may be a detriment to me, I muſt buſtle through the croud; muſt diſoblige the tardy. What's your will, madman, and what are you about? *So* a wicked fellow accoſts me with his paſſionate curſes. You joſtle every thing that is in your way, if with an appointment full in your mind, you are poſting away to Mæcenas. This pleaſes me, and is as honey *to my palate*; I will not tell a lye *about the matter*. But by the time I reach the gloomy Eſquiliæ; an hundred affairs of other people's * encompaſs me on every ſide. Roſcius begg'd the favour you'd be with him at the court-houſe to-morrow before the † ſecond hour. The ſecretaries requeſted you wou'd remember, ‡ Quintus, to return to-day about an affair of public concern, and of great conſequence. *Pray*, get Mæcenas to put his ſignet to theſe tables. Shou'd one ſay, I'll endeavour at it: if you will, you can, adds he; and is *more* earneſt. The ſeventh year approaching to the eighth is now elapſed, from the time Mæcenas began to reckon me in the number of his friends; only thus far, as one he wou'd like to take along with him in *his* chariot, when he went a journey, and to whom he wou'd truſt ſuch kind of trifles as theſe:——What is the hour? Is Gallina, the Thracian, a match for *the gladiator* Syrus? The cold morning air begins to pinch thoſe that are ill provided *againſt it*; and ſuch things as are well enough entruſted to a leaky ear. For all this time, every day and hour, I have been more ſubjected to envy. Our ſon of fortune here, *ſays every body*, ſaw all the ſhews in company with *Mæcenas*, and

* *Literally*, leap thro' my head, and about my ſide.

† *Before eight o'clock in the morning.*

‡ *The firſt of* Horace's *three names*——Quintus Horatius Flaccus.

Luſerat in campo, Fortunæ filius, omnes.
Frigidus a Roſtris manat per compita rumor;
Quicunque obvius eſt, me conſulit: O bone (nam te
Scire, Deos quoniam propius contingis, oportet)
Numquid de Dacis audiſti? Nil equidem. Ut tu
Semper eris deriſor! At omnes Di exagitent me,
Si quidquam. Quid? militibus promiſſa Triquetra
Prædia Cæſar, an eſt Itala tellure daturus?
Jurantem me ſcire nihil, (a) miratur, ut unum
Scilicet egregii mortalem altique ſilenti.

Perditur hæc inter miſero lux, non ſine votis:
O rus, quando ego te aſpiciam? quandoque licebit,
Nunc veterum libris, nunc ſomno et inertibus horis,
Ducere ſolicitæ jucunda oblivia vitæ?
O quando faba Pythagoræ cognata, ſimulque
Uncta ſatis pingui ponentur oluſcula lardo?
O noctes, cœnæque Deum! quibus ipſe, meique
Ante Larem proprium veſcor; vernaſque procaces
Paſco libatis dapibus. prout cuique libido eſt,
Siccat inequales calices conviva, ſolutus
Legibus inſanis: ſeu quis capit acria fortis
Pocula; ſeu (b) modicis uveſcit lætius. ergo
Sermo oritur, non de villis domibuſve alienis,
Nec male necne Lepos ſaltet; ſed quod magis ad nos
Pertinet, et neſcire malum eſt, agitamus: utrumne
Divitiis homines, an ſint virtute beati:

(a) Mirantur, ut unum. (b) Modicis humeſcit lætius.

play'd with him in the Campus Martius. Does any diſheartening report ſpread from the roſtrum thro' the ſtreets; whoever comes in my way, conſults me *concerning it:* Good ſir, have you (for you muſt know, ſince you approach nearer the * gods *than we)* heard any thing relating to the Dacians? Nothing at all for my part, *I reply.* How you ever are a ſneerer! But may all the Gods torture me, if I know any thing of the matter. What? will Cæſar give the lands he promiſed the ſoldiers in † Sicily, or Italy? As I am ſwearing I know nothing about it: they wonder at me, *thinking* me, to be ſure, a creature of extraordinary and profound ſecrecy.

Amongſt things of this nature the day is waſted by me, mortify'd as I am, not without ſuch wiſhes as theſe: O rural retirement, when ſhall I behold thee? And when ſhall it be in my power to contract a pleaſing oblivion of a life full of ſolicitude, one while with the books of the ancients, another in ſleep and leiſure? O when ſhall the ‡ bean related to Pythagoras, and at the ſame time herbs well larded with fat bacon, be ſet before me? O evenings and ſuppers fit for Gods! with which I and my friends regale ourſelves in the preſence of my houſhold Gods; and feed my ſaucy ſlaves with viands, of which libations have been made. The gueſt, according to every one's inclination, takes off the glaſſes, *which are* of different ſizes, free from mad laws: whether one of a ſtrong conſtitution chooſes hearty bumpers; or *another* more joyouſly waxes mellow with moderate ones. Then converſation ariſes, not concerning other people's villas and houſes, nor whether Lepos dances well, or not: but we debate on what is more to our purpoſe, and *what* 'tis a bad thing not to know: whether men are made happy by riches or

* *The principal perſons in power.*

† Sicily *was called* Triquetra, *from its triangular form.*

‡ *Aluding to that philoſopher's believing the metempſychoſis in ſuch an extent, as to imagine ſouls ſometimes tranſmigrated into beans. This is ſuppoſed to have ariſen from ſome conceited likeneſſes between ſome parts of a bean and others of the human body.*

Quidve ad amicitias, usus rectumne, trahat nos:
Et quæ sit natura boni, summumque quid ejus.
Cervius hæc inter vicinus garrit aniles
Ex re fabellas. nam si quis laudet Arelli
Solicitas ignarus opes; sic incipit: Olim
Rusticus urbanum murem mus paupere fertus
Accepisse cavo, veterem vetus hospes amicum;
Asper, et attentus quæsitis; ut tamen arctum
Solveret hospitiis animum. quid multa? (a) neque illo
Sepositi ciceris, nec longæ invidit avenæ;
Aridum et ore ferens acinum, semesaque lardi
Frusta dedit, cupiens varia fastidia cœna
Vincere tangentis male singula dente superbo:
Cum pater ipse domus palea porrectus in horna
Esset ador loliumque, dapis meliora relinquens.
Tandem urbanus ad hunc, Quid te juvat, inquit, amice,
Prærupti nemoris patientem vivere dorso?
Vin' tu homines urbemque feris præponere silvis?
Carpe viam (mihi crede) comes: terrestria quando
Mortales animas vivunt sortita, neque ulla est,
Aut magno aut parvo, lethi fuga. quo, bone, circa,
Dum licet, in rebus jucundis vive beatus:
Vive memor, quam sis ævi brevis. Hæc ubi dicta
Agrestem pepulere; domo levis exsilit: inde
Ambo propositum peragunt iter, urbis aventes
Mœnia nocturni subrepere. jamque tenebat
Nox medium cœli spatium, cum ponit uterque
In locuplete domo vestigia: rubro ubi cocco
Tincta super lectos canderet vestis eburnos,
Multaque de magna supereſſent fercula cœna
Quæ procul exstructis inerant hesterna canistris.
Ergo ubi purpurea porrectum in veste locavit

(a) Neque illi.

Agrestem:

virtue: and what engages us into intimacies, intereſt or moral rectitude: and what is the nature of good, and what its perfection. Mean while, *my* neighbour Cervius prates away old ſtories relative to the ſubject. For if any one ignorantly commends the troubleſome riches of Arellius; he thus begins: On a time a country mouſe is reported to have received a city mouſe into his poor cave, an old hoſt his old acquaintance; a blunt fellow, and attentive to his acquiſitions; yet ſo as he could, *on occaſion*, enlarge his narrow ſoul in acts of hoſpitality. What need of many words? He neither grudged him the hoarded vetches, nor the long oats; and bringing in his mouth a dry plumb-ſtone, and nibbled ſcraps of bacon, preſented them to him, being deſirous, by the variety of the ſupper, to get the better of the daintineſs of his gueſt, who hardly touched, with his delicate tooth, the ſeveral things: while the father of the family himſelf, extended on freſh ſtraw, eat a *little* burnt cruſt and darnel, leaving that which was better *for his gueſt*. At length the citizen addreſſing him, "Friend, ſays he, what delight "have you to live laboriouſly on the ridge of a rugged "thicket? Will you not prefer men and the city to "*theſe* ſavage woods? Take my advice, *and* go along "with me: ſince mortal lives are allotted to all ter- "reſtrial animals, neither any eſcape from death, ei- "ther for the great or ſmall. Wherefore, my good "friend, while it is in your power, live happy "in joyous circumſtances: *in ſhort*, live mindful of "how brief an exiſtence you are." Soon as theſe ſpeeches had wrought upon the peaſant; he leaps nimbly from his cave: thence they both purſue their intended journey, being deſirous to ſteal under the city walls by night. And now the night poſſeſſed the middle region of the heavens, when each of them ſet foot in a gorgeous palace: where carpets dyed with *crimſon* grain glittered upon ivory couches, and many baſkets of a magnificent entertainment remained, which had yeſterday been ſet by in baſkets piled upon one another. After therefore he had placed the peaſant, ſtretched *at eaſe*, upon a ſplendid carpet: he

Agreſtem: veluti ſuccinctus curſitat hoſpes,
Continuatque dapes; necnon verniliter ipſis
Fungitur officiis, *(a)* prælibans omne quod affert.
Ille cubans gaudet mutata ſorte, boniſque
Rebus agit lætum convivam; cum ſubito ingens
Valvarum ſtrepitus lectis excuſſit utrumque.
Currere per totum pavidi conclave; magiſque
Exanimes trepidare, ſimul domus alta Moloſſis
Perſonuit canibus. tum ruſticus, Haud mihi vita
Eſt opus hac, ait; et valeas: me ſilva, cavuſque
Tutus ab inſidiis tenui ſolabitur ervo.

SATYRA VII.

Horatii ſervus libertate uſus Saturnalitia feſtive illum et acriter objurgat.

(b) JAmdudum auſculto; et cupiens tibi dicere ſervus
Pauca reformido. Davuſne? Ita, Davus, amicum
Mancipium domino, et frugi, quod ſit ſatis: hoc eſt,
Ut vitale putes. Age, libertate Decembri
(Quando ita majores voluerunt) utere: narra.

Pars hominum vitiis gaudet conſtanter, ut urget
Propoſitum: pars multa natat, modo recta capeſſens,
Interdum pravis obnoxia. ſæpe notatus
Cum tribus annellis, modo læva Priſcus inani,
Vixit inæqualis, clavum ut mutaret in horas;

(a) Prælambens omne quod affert. *(b)* *(Hor.)* Jamdudum auſculto. *(Dav.)* at cupiens. *Rutg.*

Ædibus

buſtles about like an adroit hoſt, and keeps bringing up one diſh cloſe to another; and, with an affected civility, performs all the ceremonies, firſt taſting of every thing he ſerves up. He, lying at his eaſe, rejoices in the change of his ſituation, and acts the part of a boon companion in his good chear; when, on a ſudden, a prodigious rattling of the folding doors ſhook them both off their couches. Terrified they began to ſcamper all about the room; and more and more heartleſs to be in confuſion, whilſt the lofty houſe reſounded with *the barking of* maſtiff dogs: upon which, ſays the country mouſe, I have no deſire for a life like this; and *ſo* farewell: my wood and cave, ſecure from ſurprizes, ſhall, with homely tares, comfort me *for this diſappointment*.

SATIRE VII.

One of Horace's *ſlaves, making uſe of that freedom which was allowed them at the* * Saturnalia, *rates his maſter in a droll and ſevere manner.*

I Have a long while been attending *to you*; and would fain ſpeak a few words *in return, but being* a ſlave, I am afraid. What Davus? Yes, Davus, a faithful ſervant to his maſter, and an honeſt one, at leaſt ſufficiently ſo; that is, for you to think his life in no danger †. Well, (ſince our anceſtors wou'd have it ſo) uſe the freedom of December: ſpeak on.

One part of mankind are fond of their vices with *ſome* conſtancy, and adhere to their purpoſe: a conſiderable part fluctuates; one while embracing the right, another liable to depravity. Priſcus, frequently obſerved with three rings, ſometimes with his left hand bare, lived ſo irregular, that he would change

* *A feaſt inſtituted in honour of* Saturn, *in whoſe reign all men were upon a footing. It was held in* December, *and the ſlaves at that time were permitted to treat their maſters with great familiarity.*

† *Ignorant people have a common proverb,* Such a child is too good (*or* too witty) to be long lived.

Ædibus ex magnis subito se conderet, unde
Mundior exiret vix libertinus honeste;
Jam mœchus Romæ, jam mallet doctus Athenis
Vivere; Vertumnis, quotquot sunt, natus iniquis.
Scurra Volanerius, postquam illi justa chiragra
Contudit articulos, qui pro se tolleret, atque
(a) Mitteret in phimum talos, mercede diurna
Conductum pavit: quanto constantior idem
In vitiis, tanto levius miser, ac prior ille,
Qui jam contento, jam laxo fune laborat.

Non dices hodie, quorsum hæc tam putida tendant,
Furcifer? Ad te, inquam. Quo pacto, pessime? Laudas
Fortunam et mores antiquæ plebis; et idem,
Si quis ad illa Deus subito te agat, usque recuses:
Aut quia non sentis, quod clamas, rectius esse;
Aut quia non firmus rectum defendis, et hæres,
Nequicquam cœno cupiens evellere plantam.
Romæ rus optas; absentem rusticus Urbem
Tollis ad astra levis. Si nusquam es forte vocatus
Ad cœnam, laudas securum olus; ac velut usquam
Vinctus eas, ita te felicem dicis, amasque,
Quod nusquam tibi sit potandum: jusserit ad se
Mæcenas serum sub lumina prima venire
Convivam: Nemon' oleum fert ocius? ecquis
Audit? cum magno blateras clamore, fugisque.
Milvius et scurræ, tibi non referenda precati,

(a) Mitteret in pyrgum.

Disce

His robe every hour; from a magnificent edifice, he would on a ſudden hide himſelf in ſuch a place, from whence a decent freedman would ſcarce come out in a reputable manner; one while he would chuſe to live the life of a rake at Rome, another that of a ſcholar at Athens; born in the deſpite of every attribute of * Vertumnus. That buffoon, Volanerius, when the deſerved gout had crippled his fingers, maintained *a fellow* that he had hired at a daily price, who took up the dice, and put them into the box for him; *yet* by how much more conſtant he was in his vice, by ſo much leſs wretched was he, than the former perſon, who one while is in difficulties by *too* looſe, another by *too* tight a rein.

Will you not tell to-day, thou varlet, whither ſuch wretched ſtuff tends? *Why*, to you, I ſay. In what reſpect to me, ſcoundrel? You praiſe the happineſs and manners of the ancient *Roman* people; and *yet* if any God was on a ſudden to reduce you to them, you the ſame man wou'd earneſtly beg to be excuſed: either becauſe you are not *really* of opinion, that what you bawl about is right; or becauſe you are irreſolute in defending the right, and heſitate, in vain deſirous to extract your foot from the mire. At Rome you long for the country? when you are in the country, *ever* fickle, you extol the abſent city to the ſkies. If haply you are invited out no where to ſupper, you praiſe your ſallad, *that you enjoy* in tranquility; and, as if *whenever* you go abroad it is upon compulſion, you think yourſelf ſo happy, and do ſo hug yourſelf, that you are obliged to drink no where: *but* ſhould Mæcenas lay his commands upon you to come late, at the firſt lighting up of the tapers, *to be* his gueſt; "Is "there nobody to bring the oil with more expedition? "Does any body hear?" You ſputter with a mighty bellowing, and *then* you ſcour away. Milvius, and the buffoons *who expected to ſup with you*, depart, af-

* Vertumnus *preſided over the changes of the ſeaſons. There were many ſtatues of him, and in various forms, which occaſions* Vertumni *in the plural number.*

Discedunt. etenim fateor, me, dixerit ille,
Duci ventre levem: nasum nidore supinor:
Imbecillus, iners: si quid vis, adde, popino.
Tu, cum sis quod ego, et fortassis nequior, ultro
Insectere, velut melior? verbisque decoris
Obvolvas vitium? quid, (a) si me stultior ipse
Quingentis emto drachmis deprenderis? aufer
Me vultu terrere: manum stomachumque teneto,
Dum, quæ Crispini docuit me janitor, edo.

Te conjux aliena capit, meretricula Davum:
Peccat uter nostrum cruce dignius? acris ubi me
Natura incendit; sub clara nuda lucerna
Quæcunque excepit turgentis verbera caudæ,
Clunibus aut agitavit equum lasciva supinum,
Dimittit, neque famosum, neque solicitum ne
Ditior, aut formæ melioris meiat eodem.
Tu, cum projectis insignibus, annulo equestri,
Romanoque habitu, prodis, ex judice, Dama
Turpis, odoratum caput obscurante lacerna:
Non es quod simulas? metuens induceris, atque
Altercante libidinibus tremis ossa pavore.
Quid refert, uri virgis, ferroque necari
Auctoratus eas; an turpi clausus in arca,
Quo te demisit peccati conscia herilis,
Contractum genibus tangas caput? estne marito
Matronæ peccantis in ambos justa potestas?
In corruptorem vel justior? illa tamen se
Non habitu, mutatve loco, peccatve superne;
Cum te formidet mulier, neque credat amanti.

(a) Si me stultior ipso.

Ibis

ter having utter'd curſes not proper to be repeated. Any one may ſay, for I own *the truth*, that I am eaſily ſeduced by my appetite: I ſnuff up my noſe at a ſavoury ſmell: am weak, lazy: and, if you have a mind to add any thing elſe, a ſot. But ſeeing you are as I am, and perhaps ſomething worſe, why do you wilfully call me to an account, as if you was the better man? and, with ſpecious phraſes, diſguiſe *your* own vices? What, if you are found out to be a greater fool than I, who was purchaſed for five hundred * drachmas? Forbear to terrify me with your looks: reſtrain your hand and your anger, while I relate to you what Criſpinius's porters taught me.

Another man's wife captivates you, a harlot Davus: which of us ſins more deſervingly of the gallows? When keen nature inflames me, any common wench that picks me up, diſmiſſes me neither diſhonoured, nor *in the leaſt* ſolicitous whether a richer or a handſomer man enjoys her next. You, when you have caſt off your enſigns of dignity, your equeſtrian ring, and your Roman habit, turn out, from a *grave* magiſtrate, a wretched † Dama, hiding with a crape your eſſenced head: are you not really what you perſonate? You are introduced apprehenſive of *conſequences*, and as you are altercating with your paſſions, your bones ſhake with fear. What is the difference, whether you go condemned, ‡ *like a gladiator*, to be gall'd with ſcourges, or to be ſlain with the ſword; or be ſqueezed up, neck and heels, in a filthy cheſt, where *the maid*, conſcious of her miſtreſs's crime, has ſtowed you? Has not the huſband of the offending dame a juſt power of *puniſhing* both? Againſt the ſeducer even a juſter. But ſhe neither changes her dreſs, or place, or ſins to that exceſs *as you do*; ſince the woman is in dread *even* of you, nor gives any credit to you, *tho' you profeſs* to

* *About fifty crowns ſterling, if the* Attic *drachma was (as is computed) ſix ſhillings of our money.*

† *A common name for a ſlave in* Rome.

‡ *A gladiator, when he was ſold, laid himſelf under theſe ſanguinary obligations.*

love

Ibis sub furcam prudens, dominoque furenti
Committes rem omnem, et vitam, et cum corpore famam.
Evasti? credo metues, doctusque cavebis.
Quæres quando iterum paveas, iterumque perire
Possis. o toties servus? quæ bellua ruptis,
Cum semel effugit, reddit se prava catenis?
Non sum mœchus, ais. neque ego, Hercule, fur, ubi vasa
Prætereo sapiens argentea. tolle periclum,
Jam vaga profiliet frenis natura remotis.
Tune mihi dominus, rerum imperiis hominumque
Tot tantisque minor? quem ter vindicta quaterque
Imposita haud unquam misera formidine privet?
(a) Adde supra dictis, quod non levius valeat: nam
Sive vicarius est, qui servo paret, uti mos
Vester ait; seu conservus: tibi quid sum ego? nempe
Tu, mihi qui imperitas, aliis servis miser, atque
Duceris, ut nervis alienis mobile (b) lignum.

Quisnam igitur liber? Sapiens, sibi qui imperiosus?
Quem neque pauperies neque mors, neque vincula terrent:
Responsare cupidinibus, contemnere honores
Fortis; et in seipso totus, teres atque rotundus;
Externi ne quid valeat per leve morari:
In quem manca ruit semper fortuna. potesne
Ex his, ut proprium, quid noscere? quinque talenta
Poscit te mulier, vexat, foribusque repulsum:

(a) Adde super, dictis quod non. (b) Mobile signum. *Douza.*

Per-

love her. You must go under the yoke knowingly, and put all your fortune, and livelihood, and your reputation, together with your limbs, into the power of an enraged husband. Have you escaped? I suppose *then* you will be afraid *for the future*, and, being warned, will be cautious. *No*, you will seek occasion when again you may be in terror, and again may be likely to perish. O so often a slave! What beast, when it has once escaped, by breaking its toils, *ever* absurdly trusts itself to them *again?* You say, "I am "no adulterer." Nor, by Hercules, am I a thief, when I wisely pass by the silver vases. Take away the danger, and vagrant nature will spring forth, when *all* restraints are removed. Are you *then*, my master, *so much* my inferior, by *being subjected to* the dominion of so many things and persons? Whom vengeance, *tho'* inflicted three or four times *over*, can never free from this wretched solicitude? Add to what has been said above, a thing of no less weight: *for* whether he be an underling, who obeys the * master-slave, as it is your custom to affirm; or *only* a fellow-slave; what am I in respect of you? You, for example, who have the command of me, are in subjection to † other things, and are led about, like a puppet which is moveable by the means of wires not its own.

Who then is free? The wise man, who has dominion over himself: whom neither poverty, nor death, nor chains affright: brave in the checking of his appetites; and in contemning honours; and perfect in himself, ‡ polish'd and round; so that nothing can retard him in his level course: against whom misfortune ever advances ineffectually. Can you, out of *all* these recognize any thing applicable to yourself? A woman demands five talents of you, plagues you, and after you are turn'd out of doors, she bedews you with cold

* *The* Romans *of distinction had one slave that presided over the rest.*

† *Your passions.*

‡ *Alluding to a globe, which having no asperities, goes smoothly on in its course.*

waters.

Perfundit gelida; rurſus vocat. eripe turpi
Colla jugo; liber, liber ſum, dic age. non quis:
Urget enim dominus mentem non lenis, et acres
Subjectat laſſo ſtimulos, verſatque negantem.
Vel cum Pauſiaca torpes, inſane, tabella;
Qui peccas minus atque ego, cum Fulvi Rutubæque
Aut Placideiani contento poplite miror
Prælia, rubrica picta aut carbone, velut ſi
Re vera pugnent, feriant, vitentque moventes
Arma viri? nequam et ceſſator Davus; at ipſe
Subtilis veterum judex, et callidus audis.
Nil ego, ſi ducor libo fumante: tibi ingens
Virtus atque animus cœnis reſponſat opimis?
Obſequium ventris mihi perniciofius eſt: cur?
Tergo plector enim: qui tu impunitior, illa,
Quæ parvo ſumi nequeunt, obſonia captas?
Nempe inamareſcunt epulæ ſine fine petitæ;
Illuſique pedes vitioſum ferre recuſant
Corpus. an hic peccat, ſub noctem qui puer uvam
Furtiva mutat ſtrigili? qui prædia vendit,
Nil ſervile, gulæ parens, habet? adde, quod idem
Non horam tecum eſſe potes, non otia recte
Ponere; teque ipſum vitas fugitivus ut erro,
Jam vino quærens, jam ſomno fallere curam:
Fruſtra; nam comes atra premit, ſequiturque, fugacem.

Unde mihi lapidem? Quorſum eſt opus? Unde ſagittas?

Aut

water; ſhe calls you again. Reſcue your neck from this vile yoke: Come ſay, I am free, *quite* free. You are not able: for an implacable maſter oppreſſes your mind, and claps the ſharp ſpurs to your jaded appetite, and forces you on *tho'* reluctant. When you, a fool, quite languiſh at a picture by Pauſias; how are you leſs to blame than I, when I admire the combats of Fulvius, and Rutuba, and Placideianus, with their bended knees, painted in crayons, or charcoal, as if the men were actually engaged, and puſh, and parry, moving their weapons? Davus is a ſcoundrel, and a loiterer; but you have the character of an exquiſite and expert connoiſſeur in antiquities. If I am allured by a ſmoaking paſty, I am a good-for-nothing fellow: Does your great virtue and ſoul reſiſt *the temptation of* delicate entertainments? A tenderneſs for my belly is too deſtructive for me: Why ſo? For does not my back pay for it? *But* how do you come off with more impunity, ſince you hanker after ſuch dainties, as cannot be had for a little expence? Then thoſe delicacies, perpetually taken, pall *upon the ſtomach*; and your miſtaken feet will not ſupport your ſickly body. Is that boy guilty, who by night pawns a ſtolen * ſcraper for ſome grapes? *And* has he nothing ſervile about him, who, in indulgence to his guts, ſells his eſtates? Add *to this*, that you yourſelf cannot be an hour by yourſelf, nor diſpoſe of your leiſure in a right manner; and deſert yourſelf as a *mere* fugitive and vagabond, one while endeavouring with wine, another with ſleep, to cheat care: in vain; for the gloomy companion preſſes upon you, and purſues you in your flight.

Where *can* I *get* a ſtone? What occaſion is there for it? Where *can* I get ſome darts? The man is either

* *The ſtrigil was an inſtrument made of either iron, braſs, or ſilver; that the* Romans *made uſe of in their bagnios to ſcrape off the ſweat: there is a figure of one of them to be ſeen in* Batteley's ANTIQUITATES RUTUPINÆ.

mad

Aut insanit homo, aut versus facit. Ocius hinc te
Ni rapis, accedes opera agro nona Sabino.

SATYRA VIII.

Avarum inepte prodigum falsè describit.

UT Nasidieni juvit te cœna beati?
Nam mihi quærenti convivam, dictus here illic
De medio potare die. Sic, ut mihi nunquam
In vita fuerit melius. *(a)* Da (si grave non est)
Quæ prima iratum ventrem placaverit esca.

In primis Lucanus aper; leni fuit Austro
Captus, ut aiebat cœnæ pater; acria circum
Rapula, lactucæ, radices; qualia lassum
Pervellunt stomachum; siser, alec, fæcula Coa.
His ubi sublatis, puer alte cinctus acernam
Gausape purpureo mensam pertersit, et alter
Sublegit quodcunque jaceret inutile, quodque
Posset cœnantes offendere; ut Attica virgo
Cum sacris Cereris, procedit fusctus Hydaspes,
Cæcuba vina ferens; Alcon, Chium maris expers.
Hic herus; Albanum, Mæcenas, sive Falernum
Te magis appositis delectat; habemus utrumque.

(b) Divitias miseras! sed queis cœnantibus una,
Fundani, pulchre fuerit tibi, nosse laboro.

Summus ego, et prope me Viscus Turinus, et infra,
Si memini, Varius; cum Servilio Balatrone
Vibidius, quos Mæcenas adduxerat umbras.

(a) Dic si grave non est. *(b)* Divitias miras! *Iletinf.*

Nomen-

mad, or making of verſes. If you don't take yourſelf away in an inſtant, you ſhall go *and make* a * ninth labourer at my Sabine eſtate.

SATIRE VIII.

A ſmart deſcription of a miſer ridiculouſly acting the extravagant.

HOW did the entertainment of that happy fellow Naſidienus pleaſe you? For yeſterday, as I was ſeeking to make you my gueſt, you was ſaid to be drinking there from mid-day. *It pleaſed me* ſo, that I never was happier in my life. Say, (if it is not troubleſome) what food firſt calmed your raging appetite.

In the firſt place there was a Lucanian boar; which was taken while the gentle ſouth wind blew, as the father of the entertainment affirmed; around it poignant rapes, lettuces, radiſhes; ſuch things as provoke a languid appetite; ſkirrets, anchovies, dregs of Coan wine†. Theſe once removed, one ſlave, tuck'd high, with a purple cloth wiped the maple table, and a ſecond gathered up whatever laid uſeleſs, and whatever could offend the gueſts; ſwarthy Hydaſpes advances, like an Attic maid with Ceres' ſacred rites, bearing wines of Cæcubum; Alcon brings thoſe of Chios, undamaged by the ſea‡. Here the maſter *cries*; Mæcenas, if Alban or Falernian wine delight you more than thoſe already brought; we have both.

Ill-fated riches! but, Fundanius, I am impatient to know, who were ſharers in this feaſt where you fared ſo well.

I was higheſt, and next me *was* Viſcus Thurinus, and below, if I remember *right*, was Varius; Vibidius, with Servilius Balatro, whom Mæcenas had

* *There were eight already at hard labour at* Horace's *country houſe.*

† *Vinegar made of ſuch.*

‡ *Or,* that never was at ſea: home-brewed.

brought

Nomentanus erat ſuper ipſum, Porcius infra
Ridiculus totas *(a)* ſimul abſorbere placentas.
Nomentanus ad hoc, qui, ſi quid ſorte lateret,
Indice monſtraret digito. nam cætera turba,
Nos, inquam, cœnamus aves, conchylia, piſces,
Longe diſſimilem noto celantia ſuccum:
Ut vel continuo patuit, cum *(b)* paſſeris atque
Inguſtata mihi porrexerit illa rhombi.
Poſt hoc me docuit melimela rubere, minorem
Ad lunam delecta. quid hoc interſit, ab ipſo
Audieris melius. tum Vibidius Balatroni;
Nos, niſi damnoſe bibimus, moriemur inulti.
Et calices poſcit majores. vertere pallor
Tum parochi faciem, nil ſic metuentis ut acres
Potores: vel quod maledicunt liberius; vel
Fervida quod ſubtile exſurdant vina palatum.
Invertunt Aliphanis vinaria tota
Vibidius Balatroque, ſecutis omnibus: imi
Convivæ lecti nihilum nocuere lagenis.
Affertur ſquillas inter muræna natantes.
In patina porrecta ſub hoc herus, Hæc gravida, inquit,
Capta eſt; deterior poſt partum carne futura.
His miſtum jus eſt; oleo, quod prima Venafri
Preſſit cella; garo de ſuccis piſcis Iberi;
Vino quinquenni, verum citra mare nato,
Dum coquitur; cocto Chium ſic convenit, ut non
Hoc magis ullum aliud pipere albo; non ſine aceto,
Quod Methymnæam vitio mutaverit uvam.

(*a*) Semel abſorbere placentas. (*b*) Paſſeris aſſi, et.

Erucas.

brought along with him, unbidden * guests. Above *Nasidienus* himself was Nomentanus, below him Porcius, *who made himself* ridiculous in swallowing whole cakes at once. Nomentanus *was present* for this *purpose*, that if any thing *elegant* should chance to be unobserved, he might shew it with his pointing finger. For the other company, we I mean, eat *promiscuously* of fowls, oysters, fish, which had concealed in them a juice far different from the known *and common:* as presently appeared, when he reached to me the entrails of a plaice and of a turbot, such as had never been tasted before. After this, he informed me that honey-apples were most ruddy, when gathered under the waning moon. What difference this makes, you will hear best from himself. Then *says* Vibidius to Balatro; we, if we do not drink to his cost, shall die in his debt. And he calls for larger tumblers. A paleness *presently* changed the countenance of our host, who fears nothing so much as hard drinkers: either because they are more freely censorious; or because heating wines deafen the subtile *judgment of the* palate. Vibidius and Balatro, all following their example, pour whole casks into † Aliphanians: ‡ the guests *indeed* of the lowest couch, did no hurt to the flagons. A lamprey *next* is brought, extended in a dish, in the midst of floating shrimps. Whereupon, This, says the master, was caught *when* pregnant; which after having young would have been less delicate in its flesh. For these a sauce is mixed up; with oil which the best cellar of Venafrum pressed; with pickle from the juices of Iberian fish, with wine of five years old, but produced on this side the sea, while it is boiling; after it is boiled, the Chian wine suits it so well, that no other does better than it, with white pepper; not without the vinegar, which, by being ‖ vitiated, turned sour

* *Literally* shadows, *i. e. friends introduced by* Mæcenas.

† *Cups of size larger than ordinary, made at* Aliphæ, *a* Samnite *town.*

‡ *These were his own creatures,* Nomentanus *and* Porcius.

‖ *The vinegar was only spoiled wine.*

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Erucas virides, inulas ego primus amaras
Monstravi incoquere; illutos Curtillus echinos,
Ut melius muria, quam testa mariha remittat.

Interea suspensa graves aulæa ruinas
In patinam fecere, trahentia pulveris atri
Quantum non Aquilo Campanis excitat agris.
Nos majus veriti, postquam nihil esse pericli
Sensimus, erigimur. Rufus posito capite, ut si
Filius immaturus obisset, flere: quis esset
Finis, ni sapiens sic Nomentanus amicum
Tolleret? Heu! Fortuna, quis est crudelior in nos
Te Deus? ut semper gaudes illudere rebus
Humanis! Varius mappa compescere risum
Vix poterat. Balatro suspendens omnia naso,
Hæc est conditio vivendi, aiebat: eoque
Responsura tuo nunquam est par fama labori.
Tene, ut ego accipiar laute, torquerier omni
Solicitudine districtum; ne panis adustus,
Ne male conditum jus apponatur; ut omnes
Præcincti recte pueri comptique ministrent?
Adde hos præterea casus; aulæa ruant si,
Ut modo; si patinam pede lapsus frangat agaso.
Sed convivatoris, uti ducis, ingenium res
Adversæ nudare solent, celare secundæ.
Nasidienus ad hæc: Tibi Di, quæcunque preceris,
Commoda dent; ita vir bonus es, convivaque comis:
Et soleas poscit. tum in lecto quoque videres
Stridere secreta divisos aure susurros.

Nullos his mallem ludos spectasse. sed illa
Redde, age, quæ deinceps risisti. Vibidius dum
Quærit de pueris, num sit quoque fracta lagena,
Quod sibi poscenti non dentur pocula; dumque
Ridetur fictis rerum, Balatrone secundo;
Nasidiene, redis mutatæ frontis, ut arte

Emen-

the Methymnean grape. I firſt ſhewed the way to ſtew in it green rockets, and the bitter elicampane; Curtillus *to ſtew in it* the ſea-urchin unwaſhed, as being better than the pickle, which the ſea ſhell-fiſh yields.

In the mean time the ſuſpended tapeſtry made a heavy downfall upon the diſh, bringing down along with it ſo much black duſt as the north wind never raiſes on the plains of Campania. Having been fearful of ſomething worſe, as ſoon as we perceived there was no danger, we riſe up. Rufus, hanging his head began to weep, as if his ſon had died *an* untimely *death:* What would have been the end, had not the diſcreet Nomentanus thus raiſed his friend? Alas! O Fortune, what God is more cruel to us than thee? How doſt thou always take pleaſure in ſporting with human affairs! Varius could ſcarce ſmother a laugh with his napkin. Balatro, ſneering at every thing, obſerved, This is the condition of human life: and therefore a ſuitable glory will never anſwer your labour. Muſt you be rent and tortured with all manner of anxiety, that I may be entertained ſumptuouſly; leſt burnt bread, leſt ill-ſeaſoned ſoup ſhould be ſet before us; that all your ſlaves ſhould wait properly attired and neat? Add beſides theſe accidents; if the hangings ſhould tumble down, as juſt now; if the groom ſlipping with his foot ſhould break a diſh. But adverſity uſes to diſcloſe, proſperity to conceal the abilities of a hoſt as of a general. To this Naſidienus: May the Gods give you *all the* bleſſings, whatever you can pray for; you are ſo good a man, and ſo civil a gueſt: and calls for his ſandals. Then on every couch you might ſee divided whiſpers buzzing in *each* ſecret ear.

I would not chooſe to have ſeen any theatrical entertainments ſooner than theſe things. But come, recount what you laughed at next. While Vibidius is enquiring of the ſlaves, whether the flagon was alſo broken, becauſe cups *of wine* were not brought when he called for them; and while a laugh is continued on feigned pretences, Balatro ſeconding it; you, Naſidienus, return with an altered countenance, as if to

Emendaturus fortunam. deinde ſecuti
Mazonomo pueri magno diſcerpta ferentes
Membra gruis ſparſi ſale multo, non fine farre,
Pinguibus et ficis paſtum jecur anſeris albi,
Et leporum avulſos, ut multo ſuavius, armos,
Quam ſi cum lumbis quis edit. tum pectore aduſto
Vidimus et merulas poni, et ſine clune palumbes;
Suaves res, ſi non cauſas narraret earum, et
Naturas dominus: quem nos ſic fugimus ulti,
Ut nihil omnino guſtaremus; (a) velut illis
Canidia afflaſſet pejor (b) ſerpentibus Afris.

(a) Veluti ſi. *Bentl.* (b) Serpentibus atris.

repair your *ill* fortune by art. Then followed the ſlaves, bearing on a large charger the ſevered limbs of a crane, beſprinkled with much ſalt, not without flour, and the liver of a white gooſe fed with fattening figs, and the wings of hares torn off, as a much daintier diſh, than if one eats them with the loins. Then we ſaw black-birds alſo ſet before us with * ſcorched breaſts, and ring-doves without the rumps: Delicious morſels, did not the maſter give us the hiſtory of their cauſes and natures: whom we in revenge fled from, ſo as to taſte nothing at all; as if Canidia, more venomous than African ſerpents, had poiſoned them with her breath.

* *i. e. over-roaſted.*

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Ad MÆCENATEM.

Se, omissis versibus ludicris, totum esse in philosophia perdiscenda, quæ frænare cupiditates et omnia virtuti postabere docet.

PRIMA dicte mihi, summa dicende Camena
Spectatum, satis, et donatum jam rude, quæris,
Mæcenas, iterum antiquo me includere ludo.
Non eadem est ætas, non mens. Veianius, armis
Herculis ad postem fixis, latet abditus agro,

Ne

THE

EPISTLES

OF

HORACE.

BOOK I.

EPISTLE I.

To MÆCENAS.

The poet renounces all verſes of a ludicrous turn, and reſolves to apply himſelf wholly to the ſtudy of philoſophy, which teaches to bridle the deſires, and poſtpone every thing to virtue.

MÆCENAS, the ſubject of my former ſong, juſtly entitled to my lateſt, you ſeek to engage me again in the old liſts, having been tried ſufficiently, and now preſented with the * rod *of freedom?* My age is not the ſame, nor is my genius. Veianius, his arms conſecrated on a pillar of Hercules's temple, lives ſnugly retired in the country, that he may not,

* *The* Rudis *was a wooden foil given to the gladiators when they were diſmiſſed from the ſtage.*

Ne populum extrema toties exoret arena.
Eſt mihi purgatam crebro qui perſonet aurem;
Solve ſenescentem mature ſanus equum, ne
Peccet ad extremum ridendus, et ilia ducat.
Nunc itaque et verſus et cætera ludicra pono;
Quid verum atque decens, curo et rogo, et omnis in hoc ſum:
Condo, et compono, quæ mox depromere poſſim.
Ac ne forte roges, quo me ducè, quo lare tuter:
Nullius addictus jurare in verba magiſtri,
Quo me cunque rapit tempeſtas, deferor hoſpes.
Nunc agilis fio, et merſor civilibus undis,
Virtutis veræ cuſtos, rigiduſque ſatelles;
Nunc in Ariſtippi furtim præcepta relabor,
Et mihi res, non me rebus, ſubjungere conor.
Ut nox longa, quibus mentitur amica, dieſque
(a) Lenta videtur opus debentibus; ut piger annus
Pupillis, quos dura premit cuſtodia matrum:
Sic mihi tarda fluunt ingrataque tempora, quæ ſpem
Conſiliumque morantur agendi gnaviter id, quod
Æque pauperibus prodeſt, locupletibus æque,
Æque neglectum pueris ſenibuſque nocebit.
Reſtat, ut his ego me ipſe regam ſolerque elementis:
(b) Non poſſis oculo quantum contendere Lynceus;
Non tamen idcirco contemnas lippus inungi:
Nec, quia deſperes invicti membra Glyconis,
Nodoſa corpus nolis prohibere chiragra.
Eſt quadam prodire tenus, ſi non datur ultra.
Fervet avaritia, miſeroque Cupidine pectus?

(a) Longa videtur opus debentibus. (b) Non poſſis oculos.

Sunt

from the extremity of the ſandy * amphitheatre, ſo often ſupplicate the people's favour. Some one ſeems frequently to ring in my quick ear; wiſely in time diſmiſs the aged courſer, leſt derided he miſcarry at laſt, and break his wind. Now therefore I lay aſide both verſes, and all other ſportive matters: my ſtudy and enquiry is after what is true and fitting, and I am wholly engaged in this: I lay up, and collect rules which I may be able hereafter to draw out *into action*. And leſt you ſhould perchance enquire under what leader, in what houſe *of philoſophy* I enter myſelf a pupil: addicted to ſwear implicitly to the ipſe-dixits of no *particular* maſter, wherever the ſtorm drives me, I become a gueſt. One while I become active, and am plunged in the waves of ſtate-affairs, a maintainer and a rigid partizan of ſtrict virtue; then again I relapſe inſenſibly into Ariſtippus's maxims, and endeavour to ſuit circumſtances to myſelf, not myſelf to circumſtances. As the night ſeems long to thoſe with whom a miſtreſs has broke her appointment, and the day ſeems long to thoſe who owe their labour; as the year moves ſlow with minors, whom the harſh guardianſhip of their mothers confines: ſo all that time to me flows tedious and diſtaſteful, which delays my hope and deſign of ſtrenuouſly executing that which is of equal benefit to the poor and to the rich, which neglected will be of equal detriment to young and old. It remains, that I conduct and comfort myſelf by theſe principles: your ſight is not ſo piercing as that of Lynceus; you will not, however, deſpiſe being anointed if you are ſore-eyed: nor, becauſe you deſpair of the muſcles of the invincible † Glycon, will you be careleſs of preſerving your body from the knotty gout. There is ſome point *in philoſophy* we may advance to, if we can no farther. Does your heart burn with avarice and a wretched deſire of more? Words there are,

* *The area of the amphitheatre was ſtrewn with ſand, to prevent its becoming ſlippery, and to drink up the blood.*

† *Suppoſed to be a ſtatue of* Hercules, *made by* Glycon, *and called* THE GLYCON.

Sunt verba et voces, quibus hunc lenire dolorem
Possis, et magnam morbi deponere partem.
Laudis amore tumes? sunt certa piacula, quæ te
Ter pure lecto poterunt recreare libello.
Invidus, iracundus, iners, vinosus, amator;
Nemo adeo ferus est, ut non mitescere possit,
Si modo culturæ patientem commodet aurem.

Virtus est, vitium fugere; et sapientia prima,
Stultitia caruisse. vides, quæ maxima credis
Esse mala, exiguum censum, turpemque repulsam,
Quanto devites animi capitisque labore.
Impiger extremos curris mercator ad Indos,
Per mare pauperiem fugiens, per saxa, per ignes.
Ne cures ea, quæ stulte miraris et optas,
Discere, et audire, et meliori credere non vis?
Quis circum pagos et circum compita pugnax
Magna coronari contemnat Olympia, cui spes,
Cui sit conditio dulcis sine pulvere palmæ?

Vilius argentum est auro, virtutibus aurum.
O cives, cives, quærenda pecunia primum est;
Virtus post nummos: hæc Janus summus ab imo
(a) Perdocet; hæc recinunt juvenes dictata senesque,
(b) Lævo suspensi loculos tabulamque lacerto.
Est animus tibi, sunt mores, est lingua, fidesque:
(c) Sed quadringentis sex septem millia desint,
Plebs eris. at pueri ludentes, Rex eris, aiunt,
Si recte facies. Hic murus aheneus esto,
Nil conscire sibi, nulla pallescere culpa.
Roscia, dic sodes, melior lex, an puerorum
Nænia, quæ regnum recte facientibus offert,
Et maribus Curiis, et decantata Camillis?
Isne tibi melius suadet, qui, rem facias; rem,

(a) Prodocet.
(b) Lævo suspensi, *etc.* *Omittit ut interpolatum*, Cunn.
(c) Si quadrigentis sex septem millia desunt.
Est animus tibi, sunt mores, et lingua, fidesque;
Plebs eris.

Si

and * charms, with which you may mitigate this pain, and rid yourſelf of a great part of the diſtemper. Do you ſwell with the love of praiſe? There are certain purgations which can reſtore you, a certain treatiſe being peruſed thrice with purity of mind. The envious, choleric, indolent, the ſlave to wine, to women; none is ſo ſavage, that he cannot be tamed, if he will only lend a patient ear to diſcipline.

It is virtue to fly vice; and the firſt *ſtep of* wiſdom, to have lived free from folly. You ſee with what toil of mind and body you avoid thoſe things which you believe to be the greateſt evils, a ſmall fortune, and a ſhameful repulſe. An active merchant you run to the remoteſt Indies, fleeing poverty through ſea, through rocks, through flames. And will you not learn, and hear, and be adviſed by one that is wiſer, that you may no longer regard thoſe things which you fooliſhly admire and wiſh for? What little champion of the villages and of the ſtreets would ſcorn being crowned at the great Olympic games, who had the hopes and happy opportunity of victory without toil?

Silver is leſs valuable than gold, gold than virtue. O citizens, citizens, wealth is to be ſought for firſt; virtue after riches: this the higheſt † Janus from the loweſt inculcates; young men and old repeat theſe maxims, having their bags and account-books hung on the left arm. You have ſoul, have breeding, have eloquence, and honour: if ſix or ſeven thouſand ſeſterces be wanting to complete your four hundred thouſand, you ſhall be a Plebeian. But boys at play cry, You ſhall be king, if you will do right. Let this be a *man*'s brazen wall, To be conſcious of no ill, to turn pale with no guilt Tell me, pray, is the Roſcian law beſt, or the boys ſong, which offers the kingdom to them that do right, ſang by the manly Curii and Camilli? Does he adviſe you beſt, who ſays, make a

* *He conſiders philoſophy as of muſical force againſt the unruly paſſions of the mind.*

† *There was a ſtreet in* Rome, *at each end of which was a ſtatue of* Janus, *frequented by uſurers, &c.*

Si poſſis recte; ſi non, quocunque modo rem;
Ut propius ſpectes lacrymoſa poemata Puppi:
An qui fortunæ te reſponſare ſuperbæ
Liberum et erectum præſens *(a)* hortatur, et aptat?

Quod ſi me populus Romanus forte roget, cur
Non, ut porticibus, ſic judiciis fruar iſdem,
Nec ſequar aut fugiam, quæ diligit ipſe vel odit;
Olim quod vulpes ægroto cauta leoni
Reſpondit, referam: Quia me veſtigia terrent,
Omnia te adverſum ſpectantia, nulla retrorſum.
Bellua *(b)* multorum es capitum. nam quid ſequar? aut quem?
Pars hominum geſtit conducere publica: ſunt qui
(c) Cruſtis et pomis viduas venentur avaras,
Excipiantque ſenes, quos in vivaria mittant:
Multis occulto creſcit res fenore. verùm
Eſto aliis alios rebus ſtudiiſque teneri:
Iidem eadem poſſunt horam durare probantes?
Nullus in orbe ſinus Baiis prælucet amœnis,
Si dixit dives; lacus et mare ſentit amorem
Feſtinantis heri: cui ſi *(d)* vitioſa libido
Fecerit auſpicium; cras ferramenta Teanum
Tolletis fabri. lectus genialis in aula eſt?
Nil ait eſſe prius, melius nil cœlibe vita:
Si non eſt, jurat bene ſolis eſſe maritis.
Quo teneam vultus mutantem Protea nodo?
Quid pauper? ride: mutat cœnacula, lectos,
Balnea, tonſores? conducto navigio æque
Nauſeat ac locuples, quem ducit priva triremis.

Si curatus inæquali tonſore capillos
Occuro, rides: ſi forte ſubucula pexæ
Trita ſubeſt tunicæ, vel ſi toga diſſidet impar;
Rides. quid? mea cum pugnat ſententia ſecum;
Quod petiit, ſpernit; repetit quod nuper omiſit;

(a) Hortatur et aptat. (b) Multorum eſt capitum. *Bentl.*
(c) Fruſtis et pomis. (d) Ventoſa libido. *Markl.*

Æſtuat,

fortune; a fortune, if you can, honestly; if not, a fortune by any means; that you may view *from a* nearer *bench* the tear-moving poems of Puppius: or he who friendly animates and enables you to stand free and upright, a match for haughty fortune?

If now perchance the Roman people should ask me, why do I not enjoy the same sentiments with them, as *I do the same* porticoes, nor pursue or fly from whatever they admire or dislike; I will reply, what the cautious fox once on a time answered the sick lion: Because the foot-marks all looking towards you, and none from you, affright me. Thou art a monster with many heads. For what shall I follow? or whom? One set of men delight to farm the public revenues: there are some who would inveigle covetous *rich* widows with sweetmeats and fruits, and ensnare old men, whom they might land *like fish* into their ponds: the fortunes of many grow by concealed usury. But be it that different men are engaged in different employments and pursuits: can the same persons continue an hour together approving the same things? If the man of wealth has said, no bay in the world outshines delightful Baiæ, the lake and the sea presently feel the eagerness of their impetuous master; to whom, if a vicious humour gives the omen, *he'll cry*, to-morrow, workmen, ye shall convey from hence your tools to Teanum. Has he in his hall the genial bed? He says, nothing is preferable to, nothing better than a single life: if he has not, he swears the married only are happy. With what noose can I hold this Proteus, varying *thus* his forms? What does the poor man? Laugh *at him too:* Is he not ever changing his garrets, beds, baths, barbers? He is as much surfeited in a hired boat, as the rich man is whom his own galley conveys.

If I meet you with my hair cut *awry* by an uneven barber, you laugh *at me:* If I chance to have a ragged shirt under a handsome coat, or if my disproportioned gown ill fits me, you laugh: What *do you do*, when my judgment contradicts itself? *When* it despises, what it before desired; seeks for that which lately it

Æstuat, et vitæ disconvenit ordine toto;
Diruit, ædificat, mutat quadrata rotundis?
Insanire putas solemnia me, neque rides,
Nec medici credis, nec curatoris egere
A prætore dati; rerum tutela mearum
Cum sis, et prave sectum stomacheris ob unguem
De te pendentis, *(a)* te respicientis amici.

Ad summam, sapiens uno minor est Jove, dives,
Liber, honoratus, pulcher, rex denique regum;
Præcipue sanus, nisi cum pituita molesta est.

EPISTOLA II.

AD LOLLIUM.

Homerum præ philosophis omnibus optimum esse virtutis magistrum declarat, et ad sapientiæ studium mature capessendum hortatur.

TROJANI belli scriptorem, maxime Lolli,
Dum tu declamas Romæ, Præneste relegi:
Qui, quid sit pulchrum, quid turpe, quid utile, quid non,
(b) Planius ac melius Chrysippo et Crantore dicit.
Cur ita crediderim, nisi quid te detinet, audi.
Fabula, qua Paridis propter narratur amorem
Græcia Barbariæ lento collisa duello,
Stultorum regum, et populorum continet æstus.
Antenor censet belli præcidere causam.
(c) Quid Paris? ut salvus regnet, vivatque, beatus,

(a) Te suspicientis amici, *Heinf.* (b) Plenius ac melius.
(c) Quod Paris, ut salvus.

Cogi

neglected; is all in a ferment, and is inconſiſtent in the whole tenor of life; pulls down, builds up, changes ſquare to round? In this caſe, you think I am mad in the common way, and you do not laugh *at all*, nor believe that I ſtand in need of a phyſician, or of a keeper aſſigned by the prætor; albeit you are the guardian of my affairs, and are diſguſted *at ſuch a punctilio as* an ill-pared nail of a friend that depends upon you, that reveres you.

In a word, the wiſe man is inferior to Jupiter alone, is rich, free, honourable, handſome, laſtly, king of kings; above all, he is ſound, unleſs when defluxions * are troubleſome.

EPISTLE II.

To LOLLIUS.

He prefers Homer *to all the philoſophers, as a moral writer, and adviſes an early cultivation of virtue.*

WHILE you, great Lollius, declaim at Rome, I at Præneſte have peruſed over again the writer of the Trojan war: who teaches more clearly, and better than † Chryſippus and Crantor, what is laudable, what ſhameful, what profitable, what not ſo. If nothing employs you *otherwiſe*, hear why I have concluded ſo. The ſtory in which, on account of Paris's intrigue, Greece is related to be waſted in a tedious war with the Barbarians, contains the tumults of fooliſh princes and people. Antenor gives his opinion for cutting off the cauſe of the war. What does Paris? He cannot be brought to comply, *though it is in order*

* *Alluding ſeemingly to a paſſage in* Epictetus, *preſerved by* Arrian, *wherein an* Epicurean *objects to the being of a Providence from his being tormented with a continual defluxion; for which* Epicurus *upbraids his pupil, and aſks, if it is not better to uſe his hands to wipe his noſe, than fooliſhly deny the being of Providence, which had wiſely formed him with hands.*

† *Two eminent philoſophers and writers on moral ſubjects.*

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Cogi posse negat. Nestor componere lites
Inter Peliden festinat et inter Atriden:
Hunc amor, ira quidem communiter urit utrumque.
Quidquid delirant reges, plectuntur Achivi.
Seditione, dolis, scelere, atque libidine, et ira,
Iliacos intra muros peccatur, et extra.

Rursus quid virtus, et quid sapientia possit,
Utile proposuit nobis exemplar Ulysses:
Qui domitor Trojæ, multorum providus urbes,
Et mores hominum inspexit; latumque per æquor,
Dum sibi, dum sociis reditum parat, aspera multa
Pertulit, adversis rerum immersabilis undis.
Sirenum voces, et Circes pocula nosti:
Quæ si cum sociis stultus cupidusque bibisset,
(a) Sub domina meretrice fuisset turpis et excors;
Vixisset canis immundus, vel amica luto sus.

Nos numerus sumus, et fruges consumere nati,
Sponsi Penelopes, nebulones, Alcinoique
In cute curanda plus æquo operata juventus;
Cui pulchrum fuit in medios dormire dies, et
Ad strepitum citharæ (b) cessatum ducere curam.
Ut jugulent homines, surgunt de nocte latrones:
Ut te ipsum serves, non expergiscere? atqui
(c) Si nolès sanus, curres hydropicus: et ni
Posces ante diem librum cum lumine, si non
Intendes animum studiis et rebus honestis;
Invidia vel amore vigil torquebere. nam cur,
Quæ lædunt oculos, festinas demere; si quid
Est animum, differs curandi tempus in annum?
Dimidium facti qui cœpit habet. sapere aude:

(a) Sub diva meretrice. (b) Cessatam ducere curam, *Scalig.* Cessantem ducere somnum, *Bentl.* (c) Si nolis sanus, curres hydropicus.

Incipe.

that he may reign safe, and live happy. Nestor labours to compose the differences between Achilles and Agamemnon; love inflames one; rage, both in common. The Greeks suffer for what their princes act foolishly. Within the walls of Ilium, and without, enormities are committed, by sedition, treachery, injustice, and lust, and rage.

Again, to shew what virtue, and what wisdom can do, he has proposed Ulysses an instructive pattern to us: who having subdued Troy, wisely got an insight into the constitutions and customs of many nations; and while for himself, while for his associates he is contriving a return *into their own country*, on the spacious sea he endured many hardships, *and was* not to be sunk by all the storms of adversity. You are well acquainted with the songs of the Sirens, and Circe's cups: of which, if he had foolishly and greedily drank, along with his attendants, he had been *an* ignominious and senseless *slave*, under the command of a prostitute: he had lived a filthy dog, or a hog that delights in mire.

We are a meer number, and born *only* to consume the fruits of the earth; *like* Penelope's suitors, useless drones, *like* Alcinous's youth, who were employed above measure in pampering their bodies; *all* whose glory was to sleep till mid-day, and to lull their cares to rest by the sound of the harp. Robbers rise by night, that they may cut mens throats; and won't you awake to save yourself? But if you will not when you are in health, you will be forced to take care when you are in a dropsy *; and unless before day you call for a book with a light, unless you brace your mind with study and honest employments; you will be *kept* awake *and* tormented with envy or with love. For why do you hasten to remove what hurts your eyes; but if any thing gnaws upon your mind, do you defer the time of curing it from year to year? He has half done who has made a beginning. *Therefore* boldly undertake the study of true wisdom: begin it *pre-*

* i. e. *If you will not take proper precautions to prevent distempers, you will be forced to use disagreable remedies.*

Incipe. vivendi recte qui prorogat horam,
Rusticus exspectat dum defluat amnis: at ille
Labitur, et labetur in omne volubilis ævum.

Quæritur argentum, puerisque beata creandis
Uxor, et incultæ pacantur vomere silvæ.
Quod satis est, cui contingit, nihil amplius optet.
Non domus, et fundus, non æris acervus et auri
Ægroto domini deduxit corpore febres,
Non animo curas. valeat possessor oportet,
Si comportatis rebus bene cogitat uti.
Qui cupit aut metuit; juvat illum sic domus, et res,
Ut lippum pictæ tabulæ, *(a)* fomenta podagram,
Auriculas citharæ collecta sorde dolentes.
Sincerum est nisi vas, quodcunque infundis, acescit.
Sperne voluptates; nocet emta dolore voluptas.
Semper avarus eget: certum voto pete finem.
Invidus alterius macrescit rebus opimis;
Invidia Siculi non invenere tyranni
Majus tormentum. qui non moderabitur iræ,
Infectum volet esse, *(b)* dolor quod suaserit et mens,
Dum pœnas odio per vim festinat inulto.
Ira furor brevis est. animum rege; qui nisi paret,
Imperat: hunc frenis, hunc tu compesce catena.
Fingit equum tenera docilem cervice magister
Ire viam, qua monstrat eques: venaticus, ex quo
Tempore cervinam pellem latravit in aula,
Militat in silvis catulus. nunc adbibe puro
Pectore verba, puer; nunc te melioribus offer.
Quo semel est imbuta recens, servabit odorem
Testa diu. quod si cessas, aut strenuus anteis;
Nec tardum opperior, nec præcedentibus insto.

(a) Fomenta podagrum. *Bentl.* *(b)* Dolor quod suaserit exmens, *H. Steph.*

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ſantly. He who poſtpones the hour of living well, like the hind *in the fable*, waits till *all the water in* the river is run off: whereas it flows, and will flow ever rolling *in a continued ſtream.*

Money is ſought for, and a wife fruitful in bearing children, and wild woodlands are reclaimed by the plow. *To what end all this?* He that has got a competency, let him wiſh for no more. Not a houſe, and farm, not a heap of *braſs and gold can remove fevers from the body of their ſick maſter, or cares from his mind. The poſſeſſor muſt be well, if he thinks of enjoying the things he has heaped together. He that is a ſlave to deſire or to fear, his houſe or eſtate does him juſt as much good as paintings *do* a ſore-eyed perſon, fomentations *do* the gout, muſic *does* the ears that are afflicted with collected matter. Unleſs the veſſel is ſweet, whatever you pour into it turns ſour. Deſpiſe pleaſures; pleaſure bought with pain is hurtful. The covetous man is ever in want: ſet a certain limit to your wiſhes. The envious perſon waſtes at the thriving condition of another: Sicilian tyrants never invented a greater torment than envy. He that will not curb his paſſion, will wiſh that undone which his *wild* grief and reſentment prompted him to, while he violently plies his revenge with unfated rancour. Rage is a ſhort madneſs. Rule your paſſion; which commands, if it does not obey: do you reſtrain it with a bridle, do you with fetters. The groom forms the docile horſe while his neck is yet tender, to go the way which his rider directs him: the young hound, from the time that he barked at the deer's ſkin in the hall, campaigns it in the woods. Now, while you are young, with an untainted mind imbibe inſtruction; now apply yourſelf to the beſt *maſters of morality.* A caſk will long preſerve the flavour, with which, when new, it was once impregnated.—But if you lag behind, or vigorouſly puſh on before; I neither wait for the loiterer, nor ſtrive to overtake thoſe that precede me.

* *Braſs was a very valuable part of the* Roman *currency.*

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EPISTOLA III.

Ad JULIUM FLORUM.

Quædam de Tiberio ac suis amicis percontatus, Florum ad sapientiæ studium cohortatur.

JULI Flore, quibus terrarum militet oris
Claudius Augusti privignus, scire laboro.
Thracane vos, Hebrusque nivali compede vinctus,
An freta vicinas inter (a) currentia turres,
An pingues Asiæ campi collesque morantur?
Quid tua facundia cohors operum struit? hoc quoque curo.
Quis sibi res gestas Augusti scribere sumit?
Bella quis et paces longum diffundit in ævum?
Quid Titius, Romana brevi venturus in ora?
Pindarici fontis qui non expalluit haustus,
Fastidire lacus et rivos ausus apertos:
Ut valet? ut meminit nostri? fidibusne Latinis
Thebanos aptare modos studet, auspice Musa?
An tragica desævit et ampullatur in arte?
Quid mihi Celsus agit? monitus, multumque monendus
Privatas ut quærat opes, et tangere vitet
Scripta, Palatinus quæcunque recepit Apollo:
Ne, si forte suas repetitum venerit olim
Grex avium plumas, moveat cornicula risum
Furtivis nudata coloribus. ipse quid audes?
Quæ circumvolitas agilis thyma? non tibi parvum
Ingenium, non incultum est, (b) et turpiter hirtum.

(a) Currentia terras. (b) Nec turpiter hirtum.

Seu

EPISTLE III.

To JULIUS FLORUS.

After enquiring after Claudius Tiberius Nero, *and some of his friends, he exhorts* Florus *to the study of philosophy.*

I Long to know, Julius Florus, in what regions of the earth Claudius, the ſtep-ſon of Auguſtus, is leading war. Do Thrace and Hebrus bound with icy chains, or the narrow ſea running between the neighbouring * towers, or Aſia's fruitful plains and hills detain you? What works are the ſtudious † train planning? In this too I am anxious. Who takes upon himſelf to write the military atchievements of Auguſtus? Who diffuſes into diſtant ages, *the glory of* his wars, and *the prudence of his* ‡ peaces? What is Tiius about, who ſhortly will be celebrated by every Roman tongue? who dreaded not to drink of the Pindaric ſpring, daring to diſdain *common* waters and open ſtreams: How does he do? How mindful is he of me? Does he employ himſelf to adapt Theban meaſures to the Latia lyre, under the direction of his muſe? or does he ſtorm and ſwell in the pompous ſtyle of tragic art? What may I expect from Celſus? He has been adviſed, and the advice is ſtill often to be repeated, to acquire ſtock of his own, and forbear to touch whatever writings the Palatine Apollo has received; leſt, if it chance that the flock of birds ſhould ſome time or other come to demand their feathers, he, like the daw ſtript of his ſtolen colours, be expoſed to ridicule. What do you undertake? What thyme are you buſy hovering about? Your genius is not ſmall, is not uncultivated, and ſhamefully rough. Whether you edge your tongue for *pleading* cauſes, or whether you pre-

* *The* Helleſpont, *between* Seſtos *and* Abydos.

† *Young gentlemen of learning, who formed the court and guard of* Auguſtus.

‡ Or, *his military and peaceful honours?*

pare

Seu linguam cauſis acuis, ſeu civica jura
Reſpondere paras; ſeu condis amabile carmen;
Prima feres ederæ victricis præmia. quod ſi
Frigida curarum fomenta relinquere poſſes;
Quo te cœleſtis ſapientia duceret, ires.
Hoc opus, hoc ſtudium parvi properemus et ampli;
Si patriæ volumus, ſi nobis vivere cari.

Debes hoc etiam reſcribere, *(a)* ſi tibi curæ,
Quantæ conveniat, Munatius; an male ſarta
Gratia nequicquam coit, et reſcinditur; ac vos
Seu calidus ſanguis, ſeu rerum inſcitia vexat,
Indomita cervice feros? ubicunque locorum
Vivitis, indigni fraternum rumpere fœdus,
Paſcitur in veſtrum reditum votiva juvenca.

EPISTOLA IV.

Ad ALBIUM TIBULLUM.

Dotes ejus prædicat, et propoſita mortis cogitatione ad hilaritatem convertit.

ALBI, noſtrorum ſermonum candide judex,
Quid nunc te dicam facere in regione Pedana?
Scribere quod Caſſi Parmenſis opuſcula vincat:
An tacitum ſilvas inter reptare ſalubres,
Curantem quidquid dignum ſapiente bonoque eſt?
Non tu corpus eras ſine pectore. Di tibi formam;
Di tibi divitias dederant, artemque fruendi.

Quid voveat dulci nutricula majus alumno,
(b) Qui ſapere, et fari poſſit quæ ſentiat; et cui
Gratia, fama, valetudo contingat abunde,
(c) Et mundus victus, *(d)* non deficiente crumena?

Inter ſpem curamque, timores inter et iras,
Omnem crede diem tibi diluxiſſe ſupremum.

(a) Sit tibi curæ. Si tibi curæ eſt, *Bentl.*
(b) Quam ſapere, et fari ut poſſit, quæ ſentiat; utque
Qui ſapere, et fari ut poſſit, quæ ſentiat, et cui, *Lamb.*
(c) Et modus et victus. Et domus, et victus, *Bentl.* (d) Non deficiente Camena, *Bœvinus.*

Grata

pare to give counsel in the civil law: or whether you compose some lovely poem; you will bear off the first prize of the victorious ivy. If now you could quit the cold fomentations of care; wherever divine philosophy would lead you, you would go. Let us, both small and great, push forward in this work, in this pursuit; if to ourselves we would live dear.

You must also write me word of this, Whether Munatius is of as much concern to you as he ought? Or whether the ill-patched reconciliation in vain closes, and is rent asunder again; and either *the* hot blood *of your youth*, or inexperience exasperates you, wild *both* as unmanaged courfers? In whatever place ye live, too worthy to break the fraternal bond *of amity*, a devoted heifer is feeding against your return.

EPISLLE IV.

To ALBIUS TIBULLUS.

He declares his accomplishments, and after proposing the thought of death he converts it into an occasion of pleasantry.

ALBIUS, thou candid critic of my discourses, what shall I say you are now doing in the country about Pedum? Writing what may excel the works of Callius Parmensis; or sauntering silently among the healthful groves, concerning yourself about every thing worthy of a wise and good man? You were not a body without a mind. The Gods have given you a beautiful form, the Gods *have given* you wealth, and the faculty of enjoying it.

What greater blessing could a nurse wish for her beloved child, than that he might be wise, and able to express what are his sentiments; and that respect, reputation, health, might happen to him in abundance, and a decent living, with a never-failing purse?

In the midst of hope and care, in the midst of fears and disquietudes, think every day *that* shines upon you

Grata superveniet, quæ non sperabitur, hora.

Me pinguem et nitidum bene curata cute vises,
Cum ridere voles, Epicuri de grege porcum.

EPISTOLA V.

AD TORQUATUM.

Invitat eum ad frugalem cœnam, sed mundam et gentilem.

(a) SI potes Archiacis conviva recumbere lectis,
Nec modica cœnare times olus omne patella;
Supremo te sole domi, Torquate, manebo.
Vina bibes iterum Tauro diffusa, palustres
Inter Minturnas Sinuessanumque Petrinum.
Si melius quid habes, arcesse; vel imperium fer.
Jamdudum splendet focus, et tibi munda supellex.
Mitte leves spes, et certamina divitiarum,
Et Moschi causam. cras nate Cæsare festus
Dat veniam somnumque dies. impune licebit
Æstivam sermone benigno (b) tendere noctem.
(c) Quo mihi fortunam, si non conceditur uti?
Parcus ob heredis curam, nimiumque severus,
Assidet insano. potare et spargere flores
Incipiam, patiarque vel inconsultus haberi.
Quid non ebrietas designat? operta recludit,
Spes jubet esse ratas; ad prœlia trudit inertem;
Solicitis animis onus eximit; addocet artes.
Fecundi calices quem non fecere disertum?
Contracta quem non in paupertate solutum?

Hæc ego procurare et idoneus imperor, et non
Invitus; ne turpe toral, ne sordida mappa

(a) Si potes Archaicis. (b) Extendere noctem. (c) Quo mihi fortunas.

Cor-

you *is* the last. *Thus* the hour which shall not be expected, will come upon you an agreeable addition.

When you shall have a mind to laugh, you shall see me fat and sleek with good keeping, a hog of Epicurus's herd.

EPISTLE IV.

To TORQUATUS.

He invites him to a frugal entertainment, but a cleanly and chearful one.

IF you can *be contented* to repose yourself *as* my guest upon Archias's couches, and are not afraid to make a whole meal of herbs from a moderate dish; I will wait for you, Torquatus, at my house about sun-set. You shall drink wine put in the vessel in the second consulship of Taurus, *produced* between the fenny Minturnæ and Petrinum of Sinuessa. If you have any thing better, send for it; or bring your commands. Bright shines my hearth, and my furniture is clean for you already. Dismiss *all* airy hopes and contests about riches, and Moschus's cause. To-morrow, a festal day on account of Cæsar's birth, allows of indulgence and repose. We shall have free liberty to prolong the summer evening with friendly conversation. To what *purpose* have I a fortune, if I may not use it? He that is sparing out of regard to his heir, and too niggardly, is next neighbour to a mad man. I'll begin to drink and to scatter flowers, and I'll endure even to be accounted inconsiderate. What does not wine freely drank enterprise? It discloses secrets, commands our hopes to be ratified; pushes the coward on to the fight; removes the pressure from troubled minds; teaches the arts. Whom have not plentiful cups made eloquent? Whom *have they* not *made* free and easy under pinching poverty?

I *who am* both the proper person, and not unwilling, am charged to take care of these *particulars*; that no dirty

Corruget nares; ne non et cantharus, et lanx
Oſtendat tibi te; ne fidos inter amicos
Sit, qui dicta foras eliminet; ut coeat par,
Jungaturque pari. (a) Brutum tibi, Septimiumque,
Et, niſi cœna prior, potiorque puella Sabinum
(b) Detinet, aſſumam. locus eſt et pluribus umbris:
Sed nimis arcta premunt olidæ convivia capræ.

Tu, quotus eſſe velis, reſcribe; et rebus omiſſis
Atria ſervantem poſtico falle clientem.

EPISTOLA VI.

AD NUMICIUM.

Sapientem nihil admirari præter virtutem.

NIL admirari, prope res eſt una, Numici,
Solaque quæ poſſit facere et ſervare beatum.
Hunc ſolem, et ſtellas, et decedentia certis
Tempora momentis, ſunt qui formidine nulla
Imbuti ſpectent. quid cenſes munera terræ?
Quid, maris extremos Arabas ditantis et Indos?
Ludicra quid, plauſus, et amici dona Quiritis?
Quo ſpectanda modo, quo ſenſu credis, et ore?
Qui timet his adverſa, fere miratur eodem
Quo cupiens pacto: pavor eſt utrobique moleſtus;
Improviſa ſimul ſpecies exterret utrumque:
Gaudeat, an doleat; cupiat, metuatne; quid ad rem:
Si, quidquid vidit melius pejuſve ſua ſpe,
Defixis oculis, animoque et corpore torpet?
Inſani ſapiens nomen ferat, æquus iniqui;
Ultra, quam ſatis eſt, virtutem ſi petat ipſam.

(a) Butram tibi, Septiciumque. (b) Detinet, ad ſummam locus eſt.

I nunc,

dirty covering on the couch, no foul napkin contract your noſe into wrinkles; and that the cup and the diſh may ſhew you to yourſelf; that there be no one to carry abroad what is ſaid among faithful friends; that equals may meet and be joined with equals, I will add to you Brutus and Septimius, and Sabinus, unleſs a better entertainment, and a miſtreſs more agreeable detains him. There is room alſo for many introductions: but goaty rammiſhneſs is offenſive in companies *that are* too much crouded.

Do you write word what number you would be; and ſetting aſide buſineſs, through the back-door give the ſlip to your client who keeps guard in your court.

EPISTLE VI.

To NUMICIUS.

That a wiſe man is in love with nothing except virtue.

TO admire nothing is almoſt the one and only thing, Numicius, which can make and keep a man happy. There are *ſome* who view this ſun, and the ſtars, and the ſeaſons retiring at certain periods, untainted with any fear. What do you think of the gifts of the earth? what, of the ſea that enriches the remote Arabians and Indians? what of ſcenical ſhews, the applauſe and favours of the kind Roman? In what manner do you think they are to be looked upon, with what apprehenſions, and *with what* countenance? He that dreads the reverſe of theſe, admires them almoſt in the ſame way as he that deſires them: fear alike diſturbs both ways: an unforeſeen turn of things equally terrifies each of them: let a man rejoice, or grieve; deſire, or fear; what matters it: if, whatever he perceives better or worſe than his expectations, with downcaſt look, he is ſtupified in mind and body? Let the wiſe man bear the name of fool, the juſt of unjuſt; if he purſues virtue itſelf beyond proper bounds.

I nunc, argentum, et marmor vetus, æraque, et artes.
Suſpice: cum gemmis Tyrios mirare colores:
Gaude, quod ſpectant oculi te mille loquentem:
Gnavus mane forum, et veſpertinus pete tectum,
Ne plus frumenti dotalibus emetat agris
(a) Mutius; (indignum; quod ſit pejoribus ortus)
Hic tibi ſit potius, quam tu mirabilis illi.
Quidquid ſub terra eſt, in apricum proferet ætas;
Defodiet, condetque nitentia. cum bene notum
Porticus Agrippæ, et via te conſpexerit Appi;
Ire tamen reſtat Numa quo devenit et Ancus.
Si latus aut renes morbo tentantur acuto,
Quære fugam morbi. vis recte vivere? quis non?
Si virtus hoc una poteſt dare: fortis omiſſis
Hoc age deliciis. virtutem verba putas, et
Lucum ligna? cave ne portus occupet alter:
Ne Cibyratica, ne Bithyna negotia perdas:
Mille talenta rotundentur, totidem altera; porro
Tertia ſuccedant, et quæ pars quadret acervum.
Scilicet uxorem cum dote, fidemque, et amicos,
Et genus, et formam, regina Pecunia donat;
Ac bene nummatum decorat Saudela, Venuſque.
Mancipiis locuples, eget æris Cappadocum rex:
Ne fueris hic tu. chlamydes Lucullus, ut aiunt,
Si poſſet centum ſcenæ præbere rogatus,
Qui poſſum tot? ait: tamen et quæram, et quod habebo,
Mittam: poſt paulo ſcribit, ſibi millia quinque
Eſſe domi chlamydum; partem, vel tolleret omnes.
Exilis domus eſt, ubi non et multa ſuperſunt,
Et dominum fallunt, et proſunt furibus. ergo
Si res ſola poteſt facere et ſervare beatum;
Hoc primus repetas opus, hoc poſtremus omittas.
Si fortunatum ſpecies, et gratia præſtat;

(a) Mutus, et (indignum.)

Mer-

Go now, look with tranſport upon ſilver, and antique marble, and brazen ſtatues, and the arts: admire gems and the Tyrian colours; rejoice, that a thouſand eyes are fixed upon you while you ſpeak: induſtrious repair early to the forum, late to your houſe, that Mutius may not reap more grain *than you*, from his lands gained in dowry, and (unbecoming *indeed*; ſince he ſprung from meaner parents) that he may not be an object of admiration to you, rather than you to him. Whatever is in the earth, time will bring forth into open day-light; will bury and hide things that now ſhine brighteſt. When Agrippa's portico, and the Appian way ſhall have beheld you well known *and illuſtrious*; ſtill it remains for you to go where Numa and Ancus are arrived. If your ſide or your reins are afflicted with an acute diſeaſe, ſeek a remedy for the diſeaſe. Would you live happily? Who *would* not? If virtue alone can confer this, diſcarding pleaſure, ſtrenuouſly purſue it. Do you think virtue *is a ſet of* words, as a grove *is a parcel of* trees? Be it your care that no other enter the port before you: that you loſe not your traffick with Cibyra, with Bithynia. Let the round ſum of a thouſand talents be completed, as many more; further, let a third *thouſand* ſucceed, and the part which may ſquare the heap. For why, ſovereign money gives *a man* a wife with a *large* portion, and credit, and friends, and family, and beauty; and *the Goddeſſes* Perſuaſion, and Venus, grace the well-monied man. The king of the Cappadocians, *tho'* rich in ſlaves, is in want of coin: be not you *like* him. Lucullus, as they ſay, being aſked if he could lend a hundred cloaks for the ſtage, How can I ſo many? ſays he: yet I'll ſee, and ſend as many as I have: a little after he writes, that he had five thouſand cloaks in his houſe; they might take part of them, or all. 'Tis a ſcanty houſe where there are not many things ſuperfluous, and *which* eſcape the owner's notice, and are the gain of pilfering ſlaves. If then wealth alone can make and keep a man happy; be firſt in beginning this work; be laſt in leaving it off. If ſplendor and popularity makes a

Mercemur ſervum, qui dictet nomina, lævum
(a) Qui fodicet latus, et cogat trans pondera dextram
Porrigere :. Hic multum in Fabia valet, ille Velina :
(b) Cui libet, is faſces dabit ; eripietque curule,
Cui volet, importunus ebur : Frater, Pater, adde :
Ut cuique eſt ætas, ita quemque facetus adopta.
Si bene qui cœnat, bene vivit : lucet, eamus
Quo ducit gula : piſcemur, venemur, ut olim
Gargilius : qui mane plagas, venabula, ſervos,
Differtum (c) tranſire forum, populumque jubebat :
Unus ut e multis populo ſpectante referret
Emptum mulus aprum. crudi tumidique lavemur,
Quid deceat, quid non obliti ; Cærite cera
Digni ; remigium vitioſum Ithacenſis Ulyſſei ;
Cui potior patria fuit interdicta voluptas.
Si, Mimnermus uti cenſet, ſine amore jociſque.
Nil eſt jucundum ; vivas in amore jociſque.

Vive : vale. ſi quid noviſti rectius iſtis ;
Candidus imperti : ſi non, his utere mecum.

(a) Qui fodiat latus.
(b) Cuilibet hic faſces dabit.
(c) Tranſire forum pontemque. *Fab.*
campumque *Bentl.*

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man fortunate; let us purchaſe a ſlave to dictate *to us* the names *of the citizens*, to jog us on the left ſide, and to make us ſtretch our hand over *all* obſtacles: this man has much intereſt in the Fabian, that in the Veline *tribe:* this will give the faſces to any one: and, indefatigably active, will ſnatch the curule ivory from whom he pleaſes: add *the names of* father, brother: according as the age of each is, ſo courteouſly adopt him. If he who feaſts well, lives well: 'tis day; let us go where our appetite leads us: let us fiſh, let us hunt, as did ſome time Gargilius: who ordered his toils, hunting ſpears, ſlaves, early in the morning, to paſs through the crouded forum and the people: that one mule among many, in the fight of the people, might return loaded with a boar purchaſed with money. Let us bathe with an indigeſted and full-ſwollen ſtomach, forgetting what is becoming, what not; deſerving to be enrolled among the citizens of Cære*; *like* the depraved crew of Ulyſſes of Ithaca; to whom forbidden pleaſure was dearer than their country. If, as Mimnermus thinks, nothing is pleaſant without love and mirth; live in love and mirth.

Live: be in health; If you know of any thing preferable to theſe *maxims*; candidly communicate it: if not, with me make uſe of theſe.

* *The* Cærites *having ſecured the veſtal virgins and tutelary Gods of* Rome, *when it was ſacked by the* Gauls, *were rewarded with the privileges of citizens; but afterwards taking part with* Tarquin, *they were deprived of the right of voting at elections and enrolled by themſelves: whence* Cærite cera, *or* Cæritum tabulis digni, fit to roll with the Cærites, *became a term of great reproach.*

EPISTOLA VII.

Ad MÆCENATEM.

Excusat se Mæcenati quod ab urbe abfit diutius; tum ejus in se beneficia ita commendat, ut libertatem beneficiis omnibus potiorem esse declaret.

QUINQUE dies tibi pollicitus me rure futurum,
Sextilem totum mendax desideror. atqui,
(a) Si me vivere vis sanum recteque valentem;
Quam mihi das ægro, dabis ægrotare timenti,
Mæcenas, veniam; dum ficus prima calorque
Designatorem decorat lictoribus atris:
Dum pueris omnis pater, et matercula pallet:
Officiosaque sedulitas, et opella forensis
Adducit febres, et testamenta resignat.
Quod si bruma nives Albanis illinet agris,
Ad mare descendet vates tuus, et sibi parcet,
Contractusque leget; te, dulcis amice, reviset
Cum Zephyris, si concedes, et hirundine prima.

Non, quo more pyris vesci Calaber jubet hospes,
Tu me fecisti locupletem. Vescere sodes.
Jam satis est. At tu quantumvis tolle. Benigne.

(a) Si me vivere vis recteque videre valentem.

Non

EPISTLE VII.

To MÆCENAS.

He apologizes to Mæcenas *for his long abſence from* Rome; *and acknowledges his favours to him in ſuch a manner as to declare liberty preferable to all other bleſſings.*

HAVING promiſed you that I would be in the country *but* five days; falſe to my word, I am abſent the whole *month* of Auguſt*. But, if you would have me live ſound and in perfect health; the indulgence you grant me, Mæcenas, when I am ill, you will grant me *alſo* when I am afraid of being ill; while *the time of* the firſt figs, and the *autumnal* heat graces the undertaker with his black attendants: while every father and mother turn pale with fear for their children: and *while* over-acted diligence, and attendance at the forum, bring on fevers, and unſeal wills. But if the winter ſhall ſcatter ſnow upon the Alban fields, your poet will go down to the ſea-ſide, and be careful of himſelf, and ſtudy † ſparingly; you, dear friend, he will reviſit with the zephyrs, if you will give him leave, and with the firſt ſwallow.

You have made me rich not in the manner which the Calabrian hoſt bids *his gueſt* eat of his pears. Eat, pray ſir. I have had enough. But do you take away with you what quantity you will. You are very kind.

* *In the old ſtile of the* Romans, *and after the addition of* January *and* February *to their kalender,* Sextilis *denoted the* ſixth *month, the year beginning with* March. *It afterwards received the name of* Auguſt, *in honour of* Auguſtus; *as* Quintilis, *the* fifth *month, was denominated* July, *from* Julius Cæſar.

† Contractus *here is a word of great difficulty, and has been very variouſly explained by commentators, as* contracted *or* bent double with cold; in cloſe confinement, contracto in loco, *&c. but it ſeems rather a figure ariſing out of his idea of the* ſea; *from* contrahere vela, to furl ſail; *and to carry, in this place, the ſignification of* lying by.

Non inviſa feres pueris munuſcula parvis.
Tam teneor dono, quam ſi dimittar onuſtus.
Ut libet: hæc porcis hodie comedenda relinques.
Prodigus et ſtultus donat quæ ſpernit et odit:
Hæc ſeges ingratos tulit, et feret omnibus annis.
Vir bonus et ſapiens, *(a)* dignis ait eſſe paratus;
Nec tamen ignorat quid diſtent æra lupinis.
Dignum præſtabo me etiam pro laude merentis.
Quod ſi me noles uſquam diſcedere; reddes
Forte latus, nigros anguſta fronte capillos:
Reddes dulce loqui: reddes ridere decorum, et
Inter vina fugam Cynaræ mœrere protervæ.

Forte per anguſtam *(b)* tenuis vulpecula rimam
Repſerat in cumeram frumenti; paſtaque, rurſus
Ire foras pleno tendebat corpore fruſtra.
Cui muſtela procul, Si vis, ait, effugere iſtinc,
Macra cavum repetes arctum, quem macra ſubiſti.
Hac ego ſi compellor imagine, cuncta reſigno;
Nec ſomnum plebis laudo ſatur altilium, nec
Otia divitiis Arabum liberrima muto.
Sæpe verecundum laudaſti: rexque, paterque
Audiſti coram, nec verbo parcius abſens.
Inſpice ſi poſſum donata reponere lætus.
Haud male Telemachus *(c)* proles patientis Ulyſſei;
Non eſt aptus equis Ithacæ locus, ut neque planis
Porrectus ſpatiis, neque multæ prodigus herbæ:

(*a*) Dignis ait eſſe paratum. (*b*) Tenuis nitedula. *Bent.*
(*c*) Proles ſapientis Ulyſſei.

You will carry them no disagreeable presents to your little children. I am as much obliged by your offer, as if I were sent away loaded. As you please: you will leave them to be devoured to-day by the hogs. The prodigal and fool gives away what he despises and hates: the reaping favours like these has produced, and will ever produce ungrateful men. A good and wise man professes himself ready to do kindnesses to the deserving; and yet is not ignorant how true coins differ from *lupines. I will also shew myself deserving of the honour of being †grateful. But if you would not have me depart *from you* any whither; you must restore my vigorous constitution, the black locks *that grew* on my ‡narrow forehead: you must restore to me *the art* to talk with pleasantry; you must restore to me *the art* to laugh with becoming ease, and to whine o'er my liquor at the jilting of the wanton Cynara.

A thin field-mouse had by chance crept through a narrow cranny into a chest of grain; and, having feasted itself, in vain attempted to come out again, with its body *now stuffed and* full. To which a weasel at a distance cries, if you would escape thence, repair lean to the narrow hole which you entered lean. If I be addressed with this similitude, I *am ready* to resign all; neither do I, fated with delicacies, cry up the calm repose of the vulgar, nor would I change my liberty and ease for the riches of the Arabians. You have often commended me for being modest: when present you heard *from me the appellation of* king and father, nor *am I* a word more sparing in your absence. Try whether I can chearfully restore what you have given me. Not amiss *answered* Telemachus, son of the patient Ulysses; the country of Ithaca is not proper for horses, as being neither extended into champaign fields, nor abounding with much grass: Atrides,

* *A pulse, used by way of counters.*

† Pro laude merentis, *for* laude promerentis: *like* quam remcunque ferox, *book* 1. *ode* vi.

‡ *We ought, perhaps, here only to understand a great quantity of hair* almost covering *his forehead.*

Atride, magis apta tibi tua dona relinquam.
Parvum parva decent. mihi jam non regia Roma,
Sed vacuum Tibur placet, aut imbelle Tarentum.

Strenuus et fortis, causisque Philippus agendis
Clarus, ab officiis octavam circiter horam
Dum redit, atque foro nimium distare Carinas
Jam grandis natu queritur; conspexit, ut aiunt,
Adrasum quendam vacua tonsoris in umbra.
Cultello proprios purgantem leniter ungues.
Demetri, (puer hic non læve jussa Philippi
Accipiebat) abi, quære, et refer; unde domo, quis,
Cujus fortunæ, quo sit patre, quove patrono.
It, redit, et narrat, Vulteium nomine Mænam,
Præconem, tenui censu, (a) sine crimine notum,
Et properare loco, et cessare, et quærere, et uti,
Gaudentem parvisque sodalibus, (b) et lare certo,
Et ludis, et, post decisa negotia, Campo.
Scitari libet ex ipso, quodcunque refers. dic
Ad cœnam veniat. Non sane credere Mæna:
Mirari secum tacitus. quid multa? Benigne,
Respondet. Negat ille mihi? Negat improbus, et te
Negligit, aut horret. Vulteium mane Philippus
Vilia vendentem tunicato scruta popello
Occupat, et salvere jubet prior, ille Philippo
Excusare laborem et mercenaria vincla,
Quod non mane domum venisset; denique quod non
Providisset eum. Sic ignovisse putato
Me tibi, si cœnas hodie mecum. Ut libet. Ergo
Post nonam venies: nunc i, rem strenuus auge.
Ut ventum ad cœnam est; dicenda, tacenda locutus,
Tandem dormitum dimittitur. hic ubi sæpe
Occultum visus decurrere piscis ad hamum,
Mane cliens, et jam certus conviva; jubetur

(a) Et lare certo. (b) Sine crimine notum.

Rura

I will leave behind me your gifts *which are* more proper for yourself. Small things beſt ſuit the ſmall. No longer does imperial Rome pleaſe me, but unfrequented Tibur, and unwarlike Tarentum.

Philip, active and ſtrong, and famed for pleading cauſes, while he is returning from his employment about the eighth hour, and now of a great age, is complaining that the Carinæ were too far diſtant from the forum; he ſpied, as they ſay, a perſon clean ſhaven in a barber's empty ſhed, compoſedly paring his own nails with a knife. Demetrius, *ſays he*, (this ſlave dexterouſly received his maſter's orders) go, enquire, and bring me word, from what houſe, who *he is*, of what fortune, who is his father, or who's his patron. He goes, returns, and relates, that he is by name Vulteius Mena, an auctioneer, of ſmall fortune, of a character quite unexceptionable, that he could upon occaſion ply buſily, and take his eaſe, and get, and ſpend, delighting in *a few* low companions, and a ſettled dwelling, and, after buſineſs ended, in the ſhews, and the Campus *Martius*.

I would enquire of him himſelf all this which you report. Bid him come to ſup with me. Mena cannot believe it: he wonders ſilently within himſelf. Why many words? He anſwers, 'Tis obliging. Does he deny me? The raſcal denies, and diſregards, or dreads you. In the morning Philip comes unawares upon Vulteius, *as he is* ſelling brokery goods to the tunic'd populace, and ſalutes him firſt. He pleads to Philip his employment, and the confinement of his buſineſs, in excuſe for not waiting upon him in the morning; and afterwards, for not ſeeing him firſt. Expect that I'll excuſe you on this condition, that you ſup with me to-day. As you pleaſe. Then you will come after the ninth hour: now go, ſtrenuouſly increaſe your ſtock. When they were come to ſupper; having diſcourſed *promiſcuouſly* of things of a public and a private nature, at length he is diſmiſſed to go to ſleep. When he had often been ſeen to repair *like* a fiſh to the concealed hook, in the morning a client, and now *become* a conſtant gueſt; he is deſired to ac-

Rura ſuburbana indictis comes ire Latinis.
Impoſitus mannis, arvum cœlumque Sabinum
Non ceſſat laudare. videt, ridetque Philippus:
Et ſibi dum requiem, dum riſus undique quærit,
Dum ſeptem donat feſtertia, mutua ſeptem
Promittit; perſuadet uti mercetur agellum:
Mercatur. ne te longis ambagibus ultra
Quam ſatis eſt morer; ex nitido fit ruſticus, atque
Sulcos et vineta crepat mera; præparat ulmos;
Immoritur ſtudiis, et amore ſeneſcit habendi.
Verum ubi oves furto, morbo periere capellæ;
Spem mentita ſeges, bos eſt enectus arando;
Offenſus damnis, media de nocte caballum
Arripit, iratuſque Philippi tendit ad ædes.
Quem ſimul aſpexit ſcabrum intonſumque Philippus;
Durus, ait, Vultei, nimis attentuſque videris
Eſſe mihi. Pol, me miſerum, patrone, vocares,
Si velles, inquit, verum mihi ponere nomen.
Quod te per Genium, dextramque, Deoſque, Penates,
Obſecro, et obteſtor; vitæ me redde priori.
(a) Qui ſimul aſpexit, quantum dimiſſa petitis
Præſtent; mature redeat, repetatque relicta.

Metiri ſe quemque ſuo modulo ac pede, verum eſt.

(a) Qui ſemel aſpexit.

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company *Philip* to his country ſeat near the city at the proclaiming of the * Latin feſtivals. Mounted on horſeback, he ceaſes not to cry up the Sabine fields and air. Philip ſees it, and ſmiles: and while he is ſeeking amuſement and diverſion for himſelf out of every thing, while he makes him a preſent of ſeven *thouſand* ſeſterces, promiſes to lend him ſeven *thouſand more*; perſuades him to purchaſe a farm: he does make a purchaſe. That I may not detain you with a long ſtory beyond what is neceſſary; from a ſmart cit he becomes a downright ruſtic, and prates of nothing but furrows and vineyards; prepares his elms; is ready to die with eager diligence, and grows old through a paſſionate deſire of poſſeſſing. But when his ſheep were loſt by theft, his goats by a diſtemper; his harveſt deceived his hopes, his ox was killed with plowings; fretted with theſe loſſes, at midnight he ſnatches his nag, and in a paſſion makes his way to Philip's houſe. Whom as ſoon as Philip beheld rough and unſhaven: Vulteius, ſays he, you ſeem to me to be too laborious and earneſt. In truth, patron, replied he, you would call me a wretch, if you would apply to me my true name. I beſeech, and conjure you then, by your genius, and your right hand, and your houſhold Gods; reſtore me to my former *way of* life. As ſoon as a man perceives how much the things he has diſcarded excel thoſe he purſues; let him return in time, and reſume thoſe he *before* relinquiſhed.

It is a truth, that every one ought to meaſure himſelf by his own proper foot and ſtandard.

* Indictis Latinis Philip *could go into the country only on the holidays. They were called* indictæ *or* conceptivæ, *becauſe they were not celebrated on any ſtated days,* dies ſtatas, *but at the pleaſure of the conſul. They were inſtituted in honour of* Jupiter, *in memory of a peace concluded between* Tarquinius Superbus, *and the people of* Latium.

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EPISTOLA VIII.

Ad Celsum Albinovanum.

Se neque corpore neque animo valere; Celso secundam fortunam modeste ferendam esse.

CELSO gaudere et bene rem gerere Albinovano,
Musa rogata, refer, comiti scribæque Neronis.
Si quæret, quid agam: dic, multa et pulchra minantem,
Vivere nec recte, nec suaviter: haud quia grando
Contuderit vites, oleamve momorderit æstus:
Nec quia longinquis armentum ægrotet in agris:
Sed quia mente minus validus, quam corpore toto,
Nil audire velim, nil discere, quod levet ægrum;
Fidis offendar medicis, irascar amicis,
Cur me funesto properent arcere veterno;
Quæ nocuere sequar; fugiam quæ profore credam;
Romæ Tibur amem ventosus, Tibure Romam.
Post hæc, ut valeat; quo pacto rem gerat et se;
Ut placeat Juveni, percontare, utque cohorti.
Si dicet, recte; primum gaudere, subinde
Præceptum auriculis hoc instillare memento:
Ut tu fortunam, si nos te, Celse, feremus.

EPISTLE VIII.

To Celsus Albinovanus.

That he was neither well in body nor in mind; that Celsus *should bear his prosperity with moderation.*

MY Muse, at my request, give joy, and wish success to Celsus Albinovanus, the attendant and the secretary of Nero. If he shall enquire, what I am doing; say, that I, *tho'* promising many and fine things, *yet* live neither well *according to the rules of strict philosophy*, nor agreeably: not because the hail has crushed my vines, and the heat has nipp'd my olives: nor because my herds are distempered in remote pastures: but because, less sound in my mind than in my whole body, I will bear nothing, learn nothing that may relieve me, diseased *as I am*; that I am displeased with my faithful physicians, am angry with my friends *, for being industrious to rouse me from a fatal lethargy; that I pursue things that have done me hurt; avoid those things which I am persuaded would be of service *to me*; inconstant as the wind, at Rome I am in love with Tibur, at Tibur with Rome. After this, enquire how he does; how he manages his business and himself; how he pleases the young prince, and his attendants. If he shall say, well; first congratulate him, then remember to whisper this admonition in his ears: As you, Celsus, bear your fortune, so will we behave to you.

* *Perhaps this is the only instance where* cui *is to be understood in the sense of* quod. FRANCIS.

EPISTOLA IX.

Ad Claudium Tiberium Neronem.

Septimium ei commendat.

SEPTIMIUS, Claudi, nimirum intelligit unus,
Quanti me facias. nam cum rogat, et prece cogit
Scilicet, ut tibi se laudare, et tradere coner,
Dignum mente domoque legentis honesta Neronis,
Munere cum fungi propioris censet amici;
Quid possim videt ac novit me validius ipso.
Multa quidem dixi, cur excusatus abirem:
Sed timui, mea ne finxisse minora putarer,
Dissimulator opis propriæ, mihi commodus uni.
Sic ego, majoris fugiens opprobria culpæ,
Frontis ad urbanæ descendi præmia. quod si
Depositum laudas ob amici jussa pudorem;
Scribe tui gregis hunc, et fortem crede bonumque.

EPISTOLA X.

Ad ARISTIUM FUSCUM.

Rusticam vitam præ urbana laudat, ut naturæ magis consentaneam et magis amicam libertati.

URBIS amatorem Fuscum salvere jubemus
Ruris amatores; hac in re scilicet una
Multum dissimiles, *(a)* at cætera pene gemelli,
Fraternis animis: quidquid negat alter, et alter:
Annuimus pariter; vetuli notique columbi.
Tu nidum servas; ego laudo ruris amœni
Rivos, et musco circumlita saxa, nemusque.

(a) Ad cætera.

Quid

EPISTLE IX.

To Claudius Tiberius Nero.

He recommends Septimius *to him.*

OF all the men in the world Septimius ſurely, O Claudius, knows *beſt* the ſhare I have in your regards. For when he requeſts, and by his intreaties in a manner compels me to undertake to recommend and introduce him to you, *as one* worthy of the confidence and the houſhold of Nero, who *ever* chooſes deſerving objects, as thinking I diſcharge the office of an intimate friend *with you*; he ſees and knows better than myſelf what I can do. Indeed I ſaid a great deal, in order that I might come off excuſed: but I was afraid leſt I ſhould be ſuſpected to pretend my intereſt *with you* was leſs *than it is, to be* a diſſembler of my own power, and ready to ſerve myſelf alone. So, avoiding the reproach of a greater fault, I have put in for the prize of town-bred confidence. If now you approve of modeſty's being ſuperſeded at the preſſing intreaties of a friend; enrol this perſon among your retinue, and believe him to be brave and good.

EPISTLE X.

To ARISTIUS FUSCUS.

He praiſes a country before a city life, as more agreeable to nature, and more friendly to liberty.

WE who love the country ſalute Fuſcus that loves the town; in this point alone *we are* much unlike, but in other things almoſt twins, of brotherly ſentiments: whatever one denies, the other too *denies*: we aſſent together: *like* old and conſtant doves, you keep the neſt; I praiſe the rivulets, the rocks overgrown

Quid quæris : vivo et regno, simul ista reliqui
Quæ vos ad cœlum effertis rumore secundo.
Utque sacerdotis fugitivus, liba recuso ;
Pane egeo, jam mellitis potiore placentis.

Vivere naturæ si convenienter oportet,
Ponendæque domo quærenda est area primum ;
Novistine locum potiorem rure beato ?
Est ubi plus tepeant hiemes ? ubi gratior aura
Leniat et rabiem Canis, et momenta Leonis,
Cum semel accepit solem furibundus acutum ?
(a) Est, ubi divellat somnos minus invida cura ?
Deterius Libycis olet aut nitet herba lapillis ?
Purior in vicis aqua tendit rumpere plumbum,
Quam quæ per pronum trepidet cum murmure rivum ?
(b) Nempe inter varias nutritur silva columnas,
Laudaturque domus, longos quæ prospicit agros.
Naturam expelles furca ; tamen usque recurret,
Et mala *(c)* perrumpet furtim fastidia victrix.

Non, qui Sidonio contendere callidus ostro
Nescit Aquinatem *(d)* potantia vellera fucum,
Certius accipiet damnum, propiusve medullis,
Quam qui non poterit vero distinguere falsum.
Quem res plus nimio delectavere secundæ,
Mutatæ quatient. si quid mirabere, pones
Invitus. fuge magna : licet sub paupere tecto
Reges et regum vita præcurrere amicos.

Cervus equum pugna melior communibus herbis
Pellebat : donec minor in certamine longo
Imploravit opes hominis, frenumque recepit :
(e) Sed postquam victor victo discessit ab hoste,
Non equitem dorso, non frenum depulit ore.
Sic qui pauperiem veritus, potiore metallis
Libertate caret ; dominum vehit improbus, atque

(a) Est ubi depellat somnos.
(b) Nempe inter Parias.
(c) Perrumpet furtim fastigia.
(d) Potantia vellera succum.
(e) Sed postquam victor violens.
Sed postquam violens victo. *Bentl.*

Serveit

grown with moſs, and the groves of the delightful country. Do you aſk why? I live and reign, as ſoon as I have quitted thoſe things which you extol to the ſkies with joyful applauſe. And, like a prieſt's fugitive ſlave, I reject luſcious wafers; I deſire *plain* bread, which is more agreeable *to me* now than honied cakes.

If we muſt live ſuitably to nature, and a plot of ground is to be firſt ſought for, to raiſe a houſe upon; do you know any place preferable to the bliſsful country? Is there any ſpot where the winters are more temperate? where a more agreeable breeze moderates the rage of the dog-ſtar, and the ſeaſon of the lion, when once *that* furious *ſign* has received the ſcorching ſun? Is there *a place* where envious care leſs diſturbs our ſlumbers? Is the graſs inferior in ſmell or beauty to the Lybian pebbles? Is the water, which *by being forced* ſtrives to burſt the lead in the ſtreets, purer than that which trembles in murmurs *naturally* down its ſloping channel? Why, trees are nurſed among the varigated columns *of the city*; and that houſe is commended which has a proſpect of diſtant fields. Drive out nature *by violence* (with a fork); yet ſtill ſhe will return, and, *becoming* inſenſibly victorious, will break through *mens* improper diſguſts.

Not he, who is not ſkilful enough to compare the fleeces that drink up the dye of Aquinum, with the Sidonian purple, *and to diſtinguiſh them*; will receive a more certain damage, and nearer to his marrow, than he who ſhall not be able to diſtinguiſh falſe from true. He who has been overjoyed by proſperity, will be ſhocked by a change of things. If you admire any thing *greatly*, you'll *be* unwilling *to* reſign it. Avoid great things: under a mean roof one may outſtrip kings, and the favourites of kings, in *a happy* life.

The ſtag, ſuperior in fight, drove the horſe from the common paſture: till *the latter*, *ſtill* worſted in the long conteſt, implored the aid of man, and received the bridle: but after he had parted conqueror from his conquer'd enemy, he cou'd not ſhake the rider from his back, nor the bit from his mouth. So he, who afraid of poverty, forfeits his liberty, *which is* more valuable

Serviet æternum, (a) quia parvo nescíet uti.
Cui non conveniet sua res; ut calceus olim,
Si pede major erit, subvertet; si minor, uret.
Lætus sorte tua (b) vives sapienter, Aristi:
Nec me dimittes incastigatum, ubi plura
Cogere, quam satis est, ac non cessare videbor.
Imperat aut servit collecta pecunia cuique,
Tortum digna sequi potius quam ducere funem.

Hæc tibi dictabam post fanum putre Vacunæ;
Excepto, quod non simul esses, cætera lætus.

EPISTOLA XI.

Ad BULLATIUM.

Ex Asia, quo bellorum civilium tædio profectus fuerat, Romam revocare conatus, monet animi ægritudinem non peregrinationibus, sed recta animi compositione levari.

QUID tibi visa Chios, Bullati, notaque Lesbos?
Quid concinna Samos? quid Crœsi regia Sardis?
Smyrna quid, et Colophon? majora minorane fama?
Cunctane præ Campo et Tiberino flumine sordent?
An venit in votum Attalicis ex urbibus una?
An Lebedum laudas, odio maris atque viarum?
(c) Scis Lebedus quid sit: Gabiis desertior atque
Fidenis vicus: tamen illic vivere vellem,
Oblitusque meorum, obliviscendus et illis,

(a) Qui parvo nescist uti. (b) Vivas —— dimittas.
(c) Scis, Lebedus quam sit Gabiis desertior.

Neptunum

valuable than mines *of treaſure*; ſhall *be ſo* wretched *as to* carry a maſter, and ſhall eternally be a ſlave, for not knowing how to uſe a little. When a man's condition does not ſuit him; it will be as a ſhoe at any time, which, if too big for his foot, will throw him down; if too little, will pinch him. *If you are* chearful *and ſatisfied* with your lot, Ariſtius, you will live wiſely; nor ſhall you let me go uncorrected, if I appear to ſcrape together more than enough, and not have done. Accumulated money is the maſter or ſlave of each *owner*, deſerving rather to follow than to lead the twiſted rope.

Theſe I dictated to you behind the mouldering temple of *Vacuna; in all other things happy, except that you was not with me.

EPISTLE XI.

To BULLATIUS.

Endeavouring to recal him back to Rome *from* Aſia *whither he had retreated through his wearineſs of the civil wars, he adviſes him to eaſe the diſquietude of his mind, not by the length of his journey, but by forming his mind, into a right diſpoſition.*

WHAT, Bullatius, do you think of Chios, and of the celebrated Leſbos? What of neat Samos? What of Sardis, the royal reſidence of Crœſus? What of Smyrna, and Colophon? Are they greater or leſs than fame *makes them?* Are they all contemptible in compariſon of the Campus Martius and the river Tiber? Does *ſome* one of Attalus's cities enter into your wiſh? Or do you admire Lebedus, through a ſurfeit of the ſea and of travelling. You know what Lebedus is: it is a more unfrequented town than Gabii and Fidenæ: yet there would I be willing to live, and, forgetful of my friends and forgot by them,

* *The Goddeſs of vacations or of idleneſs.*

Neptunum procul e terra ſpectare furentem.
Sed neque, qui Capua Romam petit imbre lutoque
Adſperſus, volet in caupona vivere; nec, qui
Frigus collegit, furnos et balnea laudat,
Ut fortunatam plene præſtantia vitam:
Nec ſi te validus jactaverit Auſter in alto,
Idcirco navem trans Ægæum mare vendas.
Incolumi Rhodos et Mitylene pulchra facit, quod
Pænula ſolſtitio, campeſtre nivalibus auris,
Per brumam Tiberis, Sextili menſe caminus.
Dum licet, ac vultum ſervat fortuna benignum,
Romæ laudetur Samos, et Chios, et Rhodos abſens.
Tu, quamcunque Deus tibi fortunaverit horam,
Grata ſume manu; nec dulcia differ in annum;
Ut, quocunque loco fueris, vixiſſe libenter
Te dicas. nam ſi ratio et prudentia curas,
Non locus effuſi late maris arbiter, aufert;
Cœlum, non animum mutant qui trans mare currunt;
Strenua nos exercet inertia: navibus atque
Quadrigis petimus bene vivere. quod petis, hic eſt,
Eſt Ulubris; animus ſi te non deficit æquus.

EPISTOLA

view from land Neptune raging at a diſtance. But neither he who comes to Rome from Capua, beſpattered with rain and mire, would live *always* in an inn; nor does he who has contracted a cold, cry up ſtoves and bagnios as completely furniſhing *the means of a* happy life: nor if the violent ſouth wind has toſſed you in the deep, will you therefore ſell your ſhip on the other ſide of the Ægean ſea. On a man that is ſound *in mind*, Rhodes and the beautiful Mitylene have ſuch an effect, as a thick cloak at the ſummer ſolſtice, thin drawers in ſnowy weather, *bathing in* the Tiber in winter, a fire in the month of Auguſt. While you may, and *while* fortune preſerves a benign aſpect, let abſent Samos and Chios, and Rhodes, be commended by you here at Rome. Whatever proſperous Providence beſtows upon you, receive it with a thankful hand; and defer not *the enjoyment of* the comforts of life till a year is at an end: that, in whatever place you are, you may ſay that you have lived with ſatisfaction. For if reaſon and diſcretion, not a place that commands a proſpect of the wide-extended ſea, remove *our* cares; they change their climate, not their diſpoſition, who run beyond the ſea; a laborious inefficacy harraſſes us: by ſhips and by chariots we ſeek to live happily. What you ſeek is here *at home*, is at Ulubræ; if a juſt temper of mind is not wanting.

EPISTOLA XII.

Ad ICCIUM.

Hominis parſimoniam dum laudat, feſtive deridet; tradit ei Groſphum; de Romanis rebus pauca ſubjicit.

FRUCTIBUS Agrippæ Siculis, quos colligis, Icci,
Si recte frueris; non eſt ut copia major
Ab Jove donari poſſit tibi. tolle querelas:
Pauper enim non eſt, cui rerum ſuppetit uſus.
Si ventri bene, ſi lateri eſt, pedibuſque tuis; nil
Divitiæ poterunt regales addere majus.
Si forte in medio poſitorum abſtemius, herbis
Vivis, et urtica; ſic vives protinus, ut te
Confeſtim liquidus fortunæ rivus inauret:
Vel quia naturam mutare pecunia neſcit,
Vel quia cuncta putas una virtute minora.
Miramur, ſi Democriti pecus edit agellos
Cultaque, dum peregre eſt animus ſine corpore velox?
Cum tu inter ſcabiem tantam et contagia lucri,
Nil parvum ſapias, et adhuc ſublimia cures;
Quæ mare compeſcant cauſæ; quid temperet annum;
Stellæ ſponte ſua, juſſæne vagentur et errent;
Quid premat obſcurum lunæ, quid proferat orbem;
Quid velit et poſſit rerum concordia diſcors;
(*a*) Empedocles, an Stertinium deliret acumen.

(*a*) Empedocleum an Stertinium. *Cunn.*

Verum,

EPISTLE XII.

To ICCIUS.

Under the appearance of praising the man's parsimony, he archly ridicules it; introduces Grosphus *to him, and concludes with a few articles of news concerning the* Roman *affairs.*

O Iccius, if you rightly enjoy the *Sicilian products, which you collect for Agrippa; it is not possible that a greater affluence can be given you by Jove *himself*. Away with complaints: for that man is by no means poor, who hath the use of every thing he wants. If it is well with your belly, your back, and your feet; *even* regal wealth can add nothing greater. If strangely abstemious, amidst profusion, you live upon sallad and shell-fish; you will consequently live in such a *frugal* manner, that presently fortune shall flow upon you in a river of gold: either because money cannot change the natural disposition, or because it is your opinion that all things are inferior to virtue alone. Can we wonder, if *other men's* cattle feed upon the meadows and corn-fields of Democritus, while his active soul is abroad *travelling* without his body? Since you, amidst such great impurity and infection of profit, have no taste for any thing trivial, but still mind *only* things of a sublime nature; *namely*, what causes set bounds to the sea; what rules the year; whether the stars spontaneously, or by direction, wander about, and are erratic; what throws obscurity on the moon, and what brings out her orb; what is the intention and power of the jarring harmony of things; whether Empedocles, or the hypothesis of Stertinius, be in the wrong?

* Augustus *had given* Agrippa *considerable possessions in* Sicily, *as a reward for his having reduced that island.*——Iccius *was agent there to* Agrippa.

Verum, ſeu piſces, ſeu porrum et cæpe trucidas,
Utere Pompeio Groſpho; et, ſi quid petet, ultro
Defer: nil Groſphus niſi verum orabit, et æquum.
Vilis amicorum eſt annona, bonis ubi quid deeſt.

Ne tamen ignores quo ſit Romana loco rès:
Cantaber Agrippæ, Claudi virtute Neronis
Armenius cecidit: jus imperiumque Phraates
Cæſaris accepit genibus minor. aurea fruges
Italiæ pleno diffudit copia cornu.

EPISTOLA XIII.

AD VINNIUM ASELLAM.

Monet ut ſuos Auguſto libros loco et decenter offerat.

UT proficiſcentem docui te ſæpe diuque,
Auguſto reddes ſignata volumina, Vinni,
Si validus, ſi lætus erit, ſi denique poſcet:
Ne ſtudio noſtri pecces, odiumque libellis
Sedulus importes, opera vehemente miniſter.
Si te forte meæ (*a*) gravis uret ſarcina chartæ,
Abjicito potius, quam quo preferre juberis
Clitellas ferus impingas, Aſinæque paternum
Cognomen vertas in riſum, et fabula fias.

(*a*) Gravis urget ſarcina chartæ;

Viribus

However, whether you *murder fishes, or onions and garlick, receive Pompeius Grosphus; and if he asks any *favour*, grant it him frankly: Grosphus will desire nothing but what is right, and just. The fruits of friendship are cheap, when †good men wa t any thing.

But that you may not be ignorant in what situation the Roman affairs are: the Cantabrians have fallen by the valour of Agrippa, *and* the Armenians by *that* of Claudius Nero: Phraates has, in the most suppliant manner, admitted the laws and power of Cæsar. Golden plenty has poured out the fruits of Italy from a full horn.

EPISTLE XIII.

To VINNIUS ASELLA.

Horace cautions him to present his poems to Augustus *at a proper opportunity, and with due decorum.*

AS on your setting out I frequently and fully gave you instructions, Vinnius, you shall present these volumes to Augustus sealed up, if he shall be in health, if in spirits, finally, if he shall ask for them: lest you offend out of zeal for me, and industriously bring an odium upon my books *by being* an agent of violent officiousness. If haply the heavy load of my paper should gall you; cast it from you, rather than throw down your pack in a rough manner, where you are directed to carry it, and turn your paternal name of ‡ Asina into a jest, and make yourself a common story. Make use of your vigour over

* Murder, *in ridicule of the doctrine of* Pythagoras, *who held that the souls of the human kind passed successively into the bodies of men, animals, and plants.*

† *Because they are always modest, and reasonable in their demands.*

‡ Horace *puns upon the word* Asina, *which besides being a proper name, signifies* an ass. *Many* Roman *surnames were derived from* Asinus. *The family of* Annii, *had that of* Asella; *the* Claudian, Asellus; *the* Sempronian, Asellio, *&c.*

Viribus uteris per clivos, flumina, lamas.
Victor propositi simul ac perveneris illuc,
Sic positum servabis onus; ne forte sub ala
Fasciculum portes librorum, ut rusticus agnum,
(a) Ut vinosa glomos furtivæ Pyrrhia lanæ,
Ut cum pileolo soleas conviva tribulis.
Ne vulgo narres te sudavisse ferendo
Carmina, quæ possint oculos auresque morari
Cæsaris. oratus multa prece, nitere. porro
Vade, vale: cave ne titubes, mandataque frangas.

EPISTOLA XIV.

AD VILLICUM SUUM.

Ejus levitatem exarguit, rusticam vitam, quam optaverat, fastidientis, et urbanæ desiderio æstuantis.

VILLICE silvarum et mihi me reddentis agelli,
Quem tu fastidis, habitatum quinque focis, et
Quinque bonos solitum Variam dimittere Patres;
Certemus, spinas animone ego fortius, an tu
Evellas agro; et melior (b) sit Horatius, an res.

Me quamvis Lamiæ pietas et cura moretur
Fratrem mœrentis, rapto de fratre dolentis
Insolabiliter; tamen istuc mens animusque
(c) Fert, et amat spatiis obstantia rumpere claustra.
Rure ego viventem, tu dicis in urbe beatum.
Cui placet alterius, sua nimirum est odio sors.
Stultus uterque locum immeritum causatur inique;
In culpa est animus, qui se non effugit unquam.

(a) Ut vinosa glomos.
(b) Sit Horatius, an res, *Heinf.*
(c) Fert, et avet spatiis, *Bentl.*

Tu

the hills, the rivers, and the fens. As soon as you have got the better of your enterprize, and you arrive there, you must keep your burden in this position; lest you happen to carry my bundle of books under your arm, as a clown does a lamb, *or* as drunken * Pyrrhia *in the play does* the balls of pilfer'd wool, *or* as a † tribe-guest *carries* his slippers with his fuddling-cap. You must not tell publickly how you sweated with carrying those verses, which may detain the eyes and ears of Cæsar. Solicited with much intreaty, do your best. Finally, get you gone, farewel: take care you do not stumble, and break *my* orders *(forget your errand.)*

EPISTLE XIV.

To his STEWARD.

He upbraids his levity for contemning a country life, which had been his choice, and being eager to return to Rome.

STEWARD of my woodlands and little farm, that restores me to myself, which you despise, *tho' formerly* inhabited by five families, and wont to send five good senators to Varia; let us try, whether I with more fortitude pluck the thorns out of my mind, or you out of my ground; and whether Horace, or his estate, be in a better condition.

Though my affection and solicitude for Lamia, mourning for his brother, lamenting inconsolably for his brother's loss, detain me; nevertheless my heart and soul carry me thither, and long to break through those barriers, that obstruct *my* way. I pronounce him the happy man, who dwells in the country, you him *who lives* in the city. He, to whom his neighbour's lot is agreeable, must of consequence dislike his own. Each of us *is* a fool *for* unjustly blaming the innocent place. The mind is in fault, which never escapes

* *Alluding to a passage in a comedy of* Titinius's.

† Athenæus *says, Members of the same tribe had entertainments called* cœnæ thiasæ, ward-feasts, *as they might now be termed.*

Tu mediaſtinus tacita prece rura petebas :
Nunc urbem, et ludos, et balnea villicus optas.
Me conſtare mihi ſcis, et diſcedere triſtem,
Quandocunque trahunt inviſa negotia Romam.
Non eadem miramur : eo diſconvenit inter
Meque et te. nam quæ deſerta et inhoſpita teſqua
Credis, amœna vocat, mecum qui ſentit ; et odit
Quæ tu pulchra putas. fornix tibi et uncta popina
Incutiunt urbis deſiderium, video ; et quod
Angulus iſte feret piper et thus ocius uva ;
Nec vicina ſubeſt vinum præbere taberna
Quæ poſſit tibi ; nec meretrix tibicina, cujus
Ad ſtrepitum ſalias terræ gravis : et tamen urges
Jampridem non tacta ligonibus arva, bovemque
Disjunctum curas, et ſtrictis frondibus exples.
Addit opus pigro rivus, ſi decidit imber,
Multa mole docendus aprico parcere prato.

Nunc, age, quid noſtrum concentum dividat, audi.
Quem tenues decuere togæ nitidique capilli,
Quem ſcis immunem Cynaræ placuiſſe rapaci,
Quem bibulum liquidi (a) media de luce Falerni ;
Cœna brevis juvat, et prope rivum ſomnus in herba :
Nec luſiſſe pudet, ſed non incidere ludum.
Non iſtic obliquo oculo mea commoda quiſquam

(a) Media de nocte.

Limat

from itſelf. When you was a drudge at every one's beck, you tacitly prayed for the country: now you *are appointed* my ſteward, you wiſh for the city, the ſhews, and the *public* baths. *But* you know I am conſiſtent with myſelf, and loth to go, whenever diſagreeable buſineſs drags me to Rome. We are not admirers of the ſame things: hence *it is* that you and I diſagree. For what you reckon deſart and inhoſpitable wilds, he, who is of my way of thinking, calls delightful places; and diſlikes what you eſteem pleaſant. The bawdy-houſes, I perceive, and greaſy taverns, raiſe your inclination for the city; and *this*, becauſe my little ſpot will ſooner yield frankincenſe and pepper, than grapes; nor is there a tavern near, which can ſupply you with wine; nor a minſtrel harlot, to whoſe thrumming you may dance cumberſome to the ground: and yet, * *it ſeems*, you exerciſe with ploughſhares the fallows that have been a long while untouched, you take due care of the ox when unyoked, and give him his fill with leaves ſtript *from the boughs*. The † ſluices *too* give an additional trouble to *ſuch* an idle fellow, *which*, if a ſhower fall, muſt be taught by many a mound to ſpare the ſunny meadow.

Come now, attend to what hinders our agreement. *Me*, whom *formerly* fine garments and dreſſed locks adorned, whom you know to have pleaſed venal Cynara without a preſent, whom *you have ſeen* quaff flowing Falernian from noon *to midnight*; a ſhort ſupper *now* delights, and a nap upon the green turf by the ſtream ſide: nor is it a ſhame to have been gay, but not to break off that gaiety. ‡ There no eye, with envious caſt, || affects my poſſeſſions, nor poiſons them

* Horace *ſays this ironically, for his ſteward's head was ſo taken up with the thoughts of* Rome, *that he neglected his country buſineſs.*

† Sluices *cut for watering the ground*; *as*, Claudite jam rivos, pueri: ſat prata biberunt. VIRG.

‡ *At his* Sabine *farm.*

|| Limis oculis aſpicere aliquem, to look aſkew, *or* aſkance; *but the* Latins *never uſed* limare *in that ſenſe. The ſcholiaſt explains the word* limat *by* deterit, imminuit. *It was a ſuperſtition amongſt the ancients that an envious, or malicious eye could affect what it looked upon*; *as*, Neſcio quis tenores oculus mihi faſcinat agnos VIRG. *Some eye or other faſcinates my tender lambkins.*

Limat, non odio obscuro morsuque venenat:
Rident vicini, glebas et saxa moventem.
Cum servis urbana diaria rodere mavis:
Horum tu in numerum voto ruis. invidet usum
Lignorum et pecoris tibi calo argutus, et horti.
Optat ephippia bos piger: optat arare caballus.
Quam scit uterque, libens, censebo, exerceat artem.

EPISTOLA XV.

Ad C. NUMONIUM VALAM.

Veliam aut Salernum ad balneas profecturus, de locorum salubritate ac deliciis quærit.

QUÆ sit hiems Veliæ, quod cœlum, Vala, Salerni,
Quorum hominum regio, et qualis via: (nam mihi Baias
Musa supervacuas Antonius; et tamen illis
Me facit invisum, gelida cum perluor unda
Per medium frigus. sane myrteta relinqui,
Dictaque cessantem nervis elidere morbum
Sulfura contemni, vicus gemit; invidus ægris,
Qui caput et stomachum supponere fontibus audent
Clusinis, Gabiosque petunt, et frigida rura.
Mutandus locus est, et diversoria nota
Præteragendus equus. Quo tendis? non mihi Cumas
Est iter, aut Baias, læva stomachosus habena

Dicet

with obscure malice, and biting slander: the neighbours smile at me removing clods and stones. You had rather be munching your daily allowance with the slaves in town; you ardently wish to be of the number of these. *While my* cunning foot-boy envies you the use of the firing, the flocks, and the garden. The lazy ox wishes for the horse's trappings: the horse wishes to go to plough. But I shall be of opinion, that each of them ought contentedly to exercise that art which he understands.

EPISTLE XV.

To C. NUMONIUS VALA.

Preparing to go to the baths either at Velia *or* Salernum, *he enquires after the healthfulness and agreeableness of the places.*

THIS your part, my Vala, to write to me, and mine to give credit to your information, what sort of a winter it *generally* is at Velia, what the air at Salernum, what kind of inhabitants the country consists of, and how the road is? (for † Antonius Musa *pronounces* Baiæ to be of no service to me: yet makes me obnoxious to the place, when I am bathed in cold water ev'n in the midst of the frost *by his prescript on.* In truth, the village murmurs to see the myrtle groves deserted, and the sulphureous waters, said to expel lingering disorders from the nerves, despised; envying those invalids, who have the courage to expose their head and breast to the Clusian springs, and retire to Gabii, and *such* cold countries. My course *therefore* must be altered, and my horse driven beyond his accustomed stages. Whither are you going? will the angry rider say, pulling in the left-hand rein, I am not for Cumæ or Baiæ: but the horse's

* *The natural construction in the original does not begin till line* 25.

† *Physician to* Augustus, *who is said to be the first that ever prescribed the use of cold bathing.*

Dicet eques: (*a*) ſed equis frenato eſt auris in ore.)
Major utrum populum frumenti copia paſcat;
Collectoſne bibant imbres, puteoſne perennes
Dulcis aquæ: (nam vina nihil moror illius oræ:
Rure meo poſſum quidvis preferre patique:
Ad mare cum veni, generoſum et lene requiro,
Quod curas abigat, quod cum ſpe divite manet
In venas animumque meum, quod verba miniſtret,
Quod me Lucanæ juvenem commendet amicæ.)
Tractus uter plures leporas, uter educet apros:
Utra magis piſces et echinos æquora celent,
Pinguis ut inde domum poſſim Phæaxque reverti;
Scribere te nobis, tibi nos accredere, par eſt.

Mænius ut, rebus maternis atque paternis
Fortiter abſumtis, urbanus cœpit haberi:
Scurra vagus, non qui certum præſepe teneret;
Impranſus non qui civem dignoſceret hoſte;
Quælibet in quemvis opprobria fingere ſævus;
Pernicies, et tempeſtas, barathrumque macelli;
Quidquid quæſierat, ventri donabat avaro.
Hic, ubi nequitiæ fautoribus et timidis nil
Aut paulum abſtulerat, patinas cœnabat omaſi
Vilis, et agninæ: tribus urſis quod ſatis eſſet:
Scilicet ut ventres lamna candente nepotum
Diceret urendos (*b*) correctus Beſtius. idem,
(*c*) Si quid erat nactus præde majoris, ubi omne
Verterat in fumum et cinerem; Non hercule miror,
Aiebat, ſi qui comedunt bona: cum ſit obeſo

(*a*) Sed equi frenato eſt auris in ore. (*b*) Corrector Beſtius. *Bentl.*
(*c*) Quidquid erat nactus.

*ear is in the bit.) *You muſt inform me likewiſe* which of the two people is ſupported by the greateſt abundance of corn: whether they drink rain-water collected *in reſervoirs*, or from perennial wells of ſweet element: (for as to the wine of that part I give myſelf no trouble *to enquire:* at my country ſeat I can diſpenſe and bear with any thing: but when I've arrived at a ſea-port, I inſiſt upon that which is generous and mellow, ſuch as may drive away my cares, ſuch as may flow into my veins and animal ſpirits with a large portion of hope, ſuch as may ſupply me with words, ſuch as may make me appear young *in the eyes* of my Lucanian miſtreſs.) Which tract of land produces moſt hares, which *moſt* boars; which ſeas harbour the moſt fiſhes and ſea-urchins, that I may be able to return home from thence in good caſe, and like a *luxurious* Pheacian.

When Mænius, having manfully made away with his paternal and maternal eſtates, began to be accounted a merry fellow: a vagabond droll, who had no certain place of living; who, when dinnerleſs, could not diſtinguiſh a fellow citizen from an enemy; unmerciful in forging any ſcandal againſt any perſon; the peſt, and hurricane, and gulf of the market; whatever he cou'd get, he gave to his greedy gut. This fellow, when he had extorted little or nothing from the favourers of his iniquity, or thoſe that dreaded it, would eat up *whole* diſhes of coarſe harſlet and lamb's entrails: as much as wou'd have ſufficed three bears: Then truly, *like* reformer † Beſtius, would he ſay, that the bellies of extravagant fellows ought to be branded with a red hot iron. The ſame man, *however*, when he had reduced to ſmoak and aſhes whatever more conſiderable booty he had got; Faith, ſaid he, I do not wonder if there are ſuch perſons, as eat up their eſtates: ſince nothing *certainly* is better

* Equis *inſtead of* equi *is of the beſt* MSS. *and editions.*—FRANCIS.

† Cornelius Beſtius, *mentioned as a perſon of great auſterity by* Perſius.

Tune bona incolumis minuas? Eſt Beſtius urget
Doctores Graios. PER. Sat. VI.

Nil melius turdo, nil vulva pulchrius ampla.
Nimirum hic ego sum: nam tuta et parvula laudo,
Cum res deficiunt, satis inter vilia fortis:
Verum, ubi quid melius contingit et unctius; idem
Vos sapere, et solos aio bene vivere, quorum
Conspicitur nitidis fundata pecunia villis.

EPISTOLA XVI.

AD QUINTIUM.

Villæ suæ formam, situm, commoda Quintio describit: tum recte factorum conscientia probitatem, probitate libertatem constare admonet.

NE perconteris, fundus meus, optime Quinti,
Arvo pascat herum, an baccis opulentet olivæ,
Pomisne, an pratis, an amicta vitibus ulmo;
Scribetur tibi forma loquaciter et situs agri.

Continui montes, ni dissocientur opaca
Valle: sed ut veniens dextrum latus aspiciat Sol,
(a) Lævum decedens curru fugiente vaporet.
Temperiem laudes. quid? (b) si rubicunda benigni
Corna vepres et pruna ferant? si quercus, et ilex
Multa fruge pecus, multa dominum juvet umbra?
Dicas adductum propius frondere Tarentum.
Fons etiam rivo dare nomen idoneus ut nec
Frigidior Thracam nec purior ambiat Hebrus,

(a) Lævum desoepdens. (b) Si rubicunda benigne.

Infirmo

than a fat thrush, nothing finer than a large * sow's paunch. In fact, I am just such another myself: for, when matters are a little deficient, I commend the snug and homely fare, of sufficient resolution amidst mean provisions; but if any thing offered better and more delicate; I, the same individual *philosopher*, cry out, that ye are wise, and alone live well, whose wealth and estate is conspicuous from the elegance of their villas.

EPISTLE XVI.

To QUINTIUS.

He describes to Quintius *the form; situation, advantages of his country house: then declares that probity consists in the consciousness of good works, liberty in probity.*

ASK me not, my best Quintius, whether my farm maintains its master with corn fields, or enriches him with olives, or with fruits, or meadowland, or the elm-tree cloath'd with vines; the shape and situation of my ground shall be described to you at large.

There are a continued range of mountains, except *where* they are separated by a shadowy vale: but in *such a manner*, that the approaching sun views it on the right side, and, departing in his flying car, warms the left. You wou'd commend its temperature. What *think you?* If my *very* briars produce in abundance the ruddy cornels and damsons? If my oak and holm-trees accommodate *my* cattle with plenty of acorns, and their master with a copious shade? You wou'd say that † Tarentum, brought nearer *to Rome*, shone in *all* its verdant beauty. A fountain too deserving to give name to a river, insomuch that Hebrus does not

* *This was esteemed a dainty amongst the* Romans.

† *A very pleasant city, frequently celebrated by* Horace, *vid. Ode* XXVIII. *lib.* 1. *Ode* VI. *lib.* 2. *Ode* V. *lib.* 3.

Infirmo capiti (a) fluit utilis, utilis alvo.
Hæ latebræ dulces, etiam (si credis) amœnæ,
Incolumem tibi me præstant Septembribus horis.

Tu recte vivis, si curas esse quod audis.
Jactamus jampridem omnis te Roma beatum:
Sed vereor, ne cui de te plus quam tibi credas;
Neve putes alium sapiente bonoque beatum;
Neu, si te populus sanum recteque valentem
Dictitet, occultum febrem sub tempus edendi
Dissimules, donec manibus tremor incidat unctis.
Stultorum incurata pudor malus ulcera celat.
Si quis bella tibi terra pugnata marique
Dicat, et his verbis vacuas permulceat aures;
Tene magis salvum populus velit, an populum tu,
Servet in ambiguo, qui consulit et tibi et Urbi,
Jupiter; Augusti laudes agnoscere possis:
Cum pateris sapiens emendatusque vocari;
Respondesne tuo, dic sodes, nomine? nempe
Vir bonus et prudens dici delector ego, ac tu.
Qui dedit hoc hodie, cras, si volet, auferet: ut si
Detulerit fasces indigno, detrahet idem:
Pone; meum est, inquit: pono, tristisque recedo.
Idem si clamet furem, neget esse pudicum,
Contendat laqueo collum pressisse paternum;
Mordear opprobriis falsis, mutemque colores?
Falsus honor juvat, et mendax infamia terret
(b) Quem, nisi mendosum et medicandum? vir bonus
est quis?
Qui consulta Patrum, qui leges juraque servat;

(a) Fluit aptus et utilis alvo.
(b) Quem, nisi mendosum et mendacem.

ſurround Thrace more cool or more limpid, flows ſalubrious to the infirm head, ſalubrious to the bowels. Theſe ſweet, yea (if you'll credit me) theſe delightful retreats, preſerve me to you in a ſtate of health *even* in the *fickly* hours of September.

You live *exceeding* well, if you take care * to ſupport the character you bear. Long ago all Rome has proclaimed you happy: but I am apprehenſive, leſt you ſhou'd give more credit concerning yourſelf to any one than yourſelf; and leſt you ſhould imagine a man *may be* happy *tho'* differing from the wiſe and good; or, becauſe the people pronounces you ſound and perfectly well, leſt you diſſemble the lurking fever at meal times, until a trembling ſeize your greaſed hands. The falſe modeſty of fools will conceal ulcers, rather than have them cured. If any one ſhould mention battles which you had fought by land and ſea, and in ſuch expreſſions as theſe ſhould ſooth your liſtening ears; "May Jupiter, who conſults the "ſafety both of you and the city, *long* keep it in "doubt, whether the people be more ſolicitous for "your welfare, or you for the people's;" You might perceive theſe encomiums to belong *only* to Auguſtus: when you ſuffer yourſelf to be term'd a philoſopher, and one of an accompliſhed life; ſay, prithee, would you anſwer *to theſe appellations* in your own name? To be ſure—I like to be called a wiſe and good man, as well as you. He, who gave this *character* to-day, if he will, can take it away to-morrow: as the ſame people, if they have conferred the conſulſhip on an unworthy perſon, may *likewiſe* take it away from him: reſign it; *for* it is ours, they cry: I do reſign it accordingly, and chagrin'd withdraw. Thus if they ſhould call me rogue, deny me to be temperate, aſſert that I had ſtrangled my own father with a halter: ſhall I be ſtung, and change colour at theſe falſe reproaches? Whom does falſe honour delight, or lying calumny terrify, except the vicious and fickly-minded? Who *then* is good? He who obſerves the decrees of

* *Literally, to be what you are reported.*

the

Quo multæ magnæque fecantur judice lites;
(a) Quo res sponsore, et quo causæ fidei tenentur.
Sed videt hanc omnis domus et vicinia tota,
Introrsum turpem, speciosum pelle decora.
Nec furtum feci, nec fugi, si mihi dicat
Servus: Habes pretium; loris non ureris, aio.
Non homicidium feci: Non pascis in cruce corvos.
Sum bonus, et frugi: (b) Renuit negat atque Sabellus.
Cautus enim metuit foveam lupus, accipiterque
Suspectos laqueos, et opertum mille harundo.
Oderunt peccare boni, virtutis amore:
Tu nihil admittes in te, formidine pœnæ.
Sit spes fallendi, miscebis sacra profanis.
Nam de mille fabæ modiis cum furripis unum;
Damnum est, non facinus, mihi pacto lenius isto.
Vir bonus, omne forum quem spectat, et omne tribunal,
Quandocunque Deos vel puncto vel bove placat:
Jane pater, clare, clare cum dixit, Apollo;
Labra movet metuens audiri: Pulchra Laverna,
Da mihi fallere; (c) da justo sanctoque videri:
Noctem peccatis, et fraudibus objice nubem.
Qui melior servo, qui liberior sit avarus,
In triviis fixum cum se demittit ob assem,
Non video. nam qui cupiet, metuet quoque: porro
Qui metuens vivet, liber mihi non erit unquam.
Perdidit arma, locum virtutis deseruit, qui
Semper in augenda festinat et obstrepitur re.
Vendere cum possis captivum, occidere noli:
Serviet utiliter: sine pascat durus aretque;

(a) Quo respondente. (b) Renuit negitatque Sabellus.
(c) Da justum sanctumque videri.

Naviget,

the ſenate, who *obſerves* the laws and rules of juſtice; by whoſe arbitration many and important diſputes are decided; by whoſe ſurety private property, and by whoſe teſtimony cauſes are obtained. Yet *perhaps* his own family and all the neighbourhood ſee this man, *however* ſpecious in a fair outſide, *to be* polluted within. If a ſlave ſhould ſay to *me*, I have not committed a robbery, nor ran away: you have your reward; you are not galled with the laſh, I ſay. I have not killed any man: —*mighty well*— you ſhall not *therefore* feed the carrion-crows on the croſs. I am *however* a good man and blameleſs: —Your Sabine *friend* denies and contradicts *the fact*. For the wary wolf dreads the pitfall, and the hawk the ſuſpected ſnares, and the kite the concealed hook. The good, *on the contrary*, hate to ſin from their love of virtue: you will commit no crime *merely* for the fear of puniſhment. Let there be a proſpect of eſcaping, you will confound ſacred and profane things together. For when from a thouſand buſhels of beans you filch one; the loſs in that caſe to me is leſs, but not *your* villainy. *Your* honeſt man, whom every forum, and every court of juſtice looks upon with reverence, whenever he makes an atonement to the Gods with *the offering of* a ſwine or an ox; After he has pronounced in a clear diſtinguiſhable voice, O father Janus, O Apollo; he *then* moves his lips, *as one* afraid of being heard: "O fair Laverna, put it in my power to deceive "*mankind*; grant me the appearances of a juſt and "upright man: throw a cloud of night over my "fraudulent practices." *In truth*, I do not ſee how a covetous man can be better, *or* how more free than a ſlave, when he ſtoops down for the ſake of a farthing, ſtuck in the road *for ſport*. For he that will be covetous, will alſo be anxious: but he that lives in a ſtate of anxiety, ſhall never in my eſtimation be free. He, who is always in a hurry to be *wealthy*, and immerſed *in the ſtudy* of augmenting his fortune, has loſt the arms *of reaſon*, and deſerted the poſt of virtue.—*However*, do not kill your captive, if you can ſell him: he will ſerve you advantageouſly: let him, *as he is*

inured

Naviget, ac mediis hiemet mercator in undis;
Annonæ profit, portet frumenta penusque
Vir bonus et sapiens audebit dicere, Pentheu
Rector Thebarum, quid me preferre patique
Indignum coges? Adimam bona: Nempe pecus, rem,
Lectos, argentum; tollas licet. In manicis et 76
Compedibus sævo te sub custode tenebo.
Ipse Deus, simul atque volam, me solvet. Opinor,
Hoc sentit; moriar. mors ultima linea rerum est.

EPISTOLA XVII.

Ad SCÆVAM.

Actuosam vitam inerti ac privatæ anteponendam, laudabile esse principum gratiam demereri, eorum tamen liberalitatem caute ac pudenter esse solicitandam.

QUAMVIS, Scæva, satis per te tibi consulis, et scis
Quo tandem pacto deceat majoribus uti;
Disce, docendus adhuc quæ censet amiculus: ut si
Cæcus iter monstrare velit; tamen aspice, si quid
Et nos, quod cures proprium fecisse, loquamur. 5

Si te grata quies et primam somnus in horam
Delectat: si te pulvis, strepitusque rotarum,
Si lædet caupona; Ferentinum ire jubebo.
Nam neque divitibus contingunt gaudia solis:

Nec

inured to drudgery, feed *your cattle*, and plow; let him go to ſea, and winter in the midſt of the waves; let him be of uſe to the market, and import corn and *other* proviſions. A good and wiſe man, *like Bacchus in the* **play*, will have courage to ſay: "Pentheus, "king of Thebes, what indignities will you compel "me to ſuffer and endure? I will take away your "goods: My cattle, I ſuppoſe, my land, my move-"ables, my money: you may take them: I'll con-"fine you with hand-cuffs and fetters under a merci-"leſs goaler. A deity himſelf will diſcharge me, "whenever I pleaſe." In my opinion, this is his meaning; I will die. Death is the ultimate boundary of human matters.

EPISTLE XVII.

To SCÆVA.

That a life of buſineſs is preferable to a private and inactive one; the friendſhip of great men is a laudable acquiſition, yet their favours are ever to be ſolicited with modeſty and caution.

THOUGH, Scæva, you have ſufficient prudence of your own; and well know how to demean yourſelf towards your ſuperiors; *yet* hear what are the ſentiments of your old chrony, *who himſelf* ſtill requires *more* teaching: juſt as if a blind man ſhou'd undertake to ſhew the way: however ſee, if even I can advance any thing, which you may think worth your while to adopt as your own.

If indulgent reſt, and ſleep till ſeven o'clock, delight you: if duſt, and the rumbling of wheels, if *the noiſe of* the tavern offend you; I ſhall order you off for †Ferentinum. For joys are not the property of

* *The* Bacchis *of* Euripides, *in which* Bacchus, *tho' bound in chains by* Pentheus, *is introduced accoſting him in this reſolute manner.*

† *A town in* New Latium *of little conſequence, and fit for retirement.*

the

Nec vixit male, qui natus moriensque fefellit.
Si prodesse tuis, pauloque benignius ipsum
Te tractare voles; accedes fictus ad unctum.
Si pranderet olus patienter, regibus uti
Nollet Aristippus. Si sciret regibus uti,
Fastidiret olus, qui me notat. Utrius horum
Verba probes et facta, doce: vel junior, audi
Cur sit Aristippi potior sententia: namque
Mordacem Cynicum sic eludebat, ut aiunt:
Scurror ego ipse mihi, populo tu. rectius hoc et
Splendidius multo est: equus ut me portet, alat rex.
Officium facio: (a) tu poscis vilia rerum,
Dante minor; quamvis fers te nullius egentem.
Omnis Aristippum decuit color, et status, et res,
Tentantem majora fere, præsentibus æquum:
Contra, quem duplici panno patientia velat,
Mirabor, vitæ via si conversa decebit.
Alter purpureum non expectabit amictum;
Quidlibet indutus celeberrima per loca vadet,
Personamque feret non inconcinnus utramque;
Alter Mileti textam cane pejus et angue
Vitabit chlamydem; morietur frigore, si non
Rettuleris pannum: refer, et sine vivat ineptus.
Res gerere, et captos ostendere civibus hostes,
Attingit solium Jovis, et cœlestia tentat.

(a) Tu poscis vilia; verum ea.

Principibus

the rich alone: now has he lived ill, who at his birth and at his death has *passed unnoticed. If you are disposed to be of service to your friends, and *at the same time* treat yourself with somewhat more indulgence; you must †pay your respects to the great. If he could dine to his satisfaction on herbs, Aristippus would never frequent *the tables* of the great. If he who blames me *(replies Aristippus)* knew how to live with the great, he would scorn his vegetables. Tell me, which maxim and conduct of the two you approve: or since you are my junior, hear the reason why Aristippus's opinion is preferable: for thus, as they report, he baffled the snarling cynic: I play the buffoon for my own advantage; your *to please* the populace. *This proceeding of mine* is nigher and far more honourable: that a horse may carry, and a great man feed me. I do *but* my duty: you beg for refuse, an inferior to the *poor* giver; tho' you pretend you are in want of nothing. As for Aristippus, every complexion of life, every station, and circumstance sat gracefully upon him, ‡aspiring in general to greater things, yet equal to the present: on the other hand, I shall be much surprized, if a contrary way of life should become *this cynic*, whom obstinacy cloaths with a double rag. The one will not wait for his purple robe; but howsoever dressed will go through the most frequented places, and will, without awkwardness, support either character: the other will shun the cloak wrought at ‖ Miletus with greater aversion than *the bite of* dog or viper; he will die with cold, unless you restore him his ragged garment: restore it *then*, and let him live like a fool as he is. To perform *great* exploits, and shew the citizens their foes in chains, reaches the throne of Jupiter, and

* Pefellit, *the original, is eminently beautiful, and might be render'd*—has escaped the observation of mankind.

† *Literally, in your hungry mood you must go to the offended* nobleman.

‡ Tentanteen majora fere, præsentibus æquum.
So the Latin *must be pointed.*

‖ *Famous for the excellency of its wool.*

aspires

Principibus placuiſſe viris, non ultima laus eſt.
Non cuivis homini contingit adire Corinthum.
Sedit, qui timuit ne non ſuccederet: eſto:
Quid? qui pervenit, fecitne viriliter? atqui
Hic eſt, aut nuſquam, quod quærimus. hic onus horret,
Ut parvis animis, et parvo corpore majus;
Hic ſubit, et perfert. aut virtus nomen inane eſt,
Aut decus et precium recte petit experiens vir.

(a) Coram rege ſua de paupertate tacentes,
Plus poſcente ferent. diſtat, ſumaſne pudenter,
An rapias. atqui rerum caput hoc erat, hic fons.
Indotata mihi ſoror eſt, paupercula mater,
Et fundus nec vendibilis, nec paſcere firmus,
Qui dicit; clamat, Victum date: ſuccinit alter,
Et mihi dividuo findetur munere quadra.
Sed tacitus paſci ſi poſſet corvus, haberet
Plus dapis, (b) et rixæ minus et minus, invidiæque.

Brundiſium comes, aut Surrentum ductus amœnum,
Qui queritur ſalebras, et acerbum frigus, et imbres,
Aut ciſtam effractam, et ſubducta viatica plorat;
Nota refert meretricis acumina, ſæpe catellam,

(a) Coram rege ſuo. (b) Et rixæ multo minus.

Sæpe

aſpires to celeſtial honours. To have been acceptable to the great, is not the laſt of praiſes. It is not every man's lot to gain *the port* * *of* Corinth. He *prudently* ſat ſtill, who was afraid leſt he ſhould not ſucceed: be it ſo: what then? Was it not bravely done by him, who carried his point? Either here therefore, or no where, is what we are inveſtigating. The one dreads the weight *of the enterprize*, as too burthenſome for a puſillanimous ſoul and a weak conſtitution: the other undertakes and carries it through. Either virtue is an empty name, or the man who makes the experiment deſervedly claims the honour and the reward.

Thoſe, who mention nothing of their poverty before their lord, will gain more than the importunate. There is a great difference between modeſtly accepting *a favour*, or ſeizing it *as it were* by violence. But this was the principle and ſource of every thing *I alledged*. He who tells *his lord*, my ſiſter is without a portion, my mother poor, and my eſtate neither ſaleable, nor ſufficient for my ſupport: cries out *in effect*, Give me a morſel of bread: another whines *in the ſame key*, and let the platter be carved out for me with half a ſhare of the bounty. But if the crow could have fed in ſilence, he would have had better fare, and † much leſs of quarelling and of envy.

A companion taken *by his lord* to Brundiſium, or the pleaſant Surrentum, who complains of the ruggedneſs of the roads, and the bitter cold, and rains, or laments that his cheſt is broke open, and his proviſions ſtolen; reſembles the well-known tricks of an harlot, weeping ſo frequently for her necklace, (*or*

* *The great difficulty of entering the port of* Corinth *gave riſe to this proverb.*

† Minus et minus *has never been underſtood by the critics. It is properly an* Orientaliſm, *or a form of expreſſion natural in the eaſtern languages, implying an augeſis or ſuperlative degree. In this place it may either be an argument of a general rationale thro' all languages; or, as the eaſtern taſte ran the moſt of any into fable and allegory, that the literal tranſlation of ſome fable into the* Roman *language, is here alluded to. There are many fables extant in the* Arabic, *laying claim to a much higher antiquity than is here ſuppoſed.*

lap-

Sæpe periſcefidem raptam ſibi flentis: uti mox
Nulla fides damnis veriſque doloribus adſit.
Nec ſemel irriſus, triviis attollere curat
Fracto crure planum: licet illi plurima manet
Lacryma; per ſanctum juratus dicat Oſirim,
Credite; non ludo: crudeles tollite claudum.
Quære peregrinum, (a) vicinia rauca reclamat.

EPISTOLA XVIII.

AD LOLLIUM.

De calanda principum amicitia fuſe diſputat, tum de comparanda animi tranquillitate pauca ſubjungit.

SI bene te novi, metues, liberrime Lolli,
Scurrantis ſpeciem præbere, profeſſus amicum.
Ut matrona meretrici diſpar erit atque
Diſcolor, infido ſcurræ diſtabit amicus.
Eſt huic diverſum vitio vitium prope majus;
Aſperitas agreſtis, et inconcinna, graviſque,
Quæ ſe (b) commendat tonſa cute, dentibus atris:
Dum vult libertas dici mera, veraque virtus.
Virtus eſt medium vitiorum, et utrinque reductum.
Alter in obſequium plus æquo pronus, et imi
Deriſor lecti, (c) ſic nutum divitis horret,
Sic iterat voces, et verba cadentia tollit;
Ut puerum ſævo credas dictata magiſtro

(a) Vicinia cauta reclamat. *Markl.*
(b) Commendat quæ ſe intonſa cute. *Sanad.*
(c) Sic vultum divitis horret.

Reddere,

lap-dog) ſo frequently for a girdle that is forcibly taken from her: that at length no credit is given to her real griefs and loſſes. Nor does he who has been once ridiculed in the ſtreets care to lift up a vagrant with a *pretended* broken leg: tho' abundance of tears ſhou'd flow from him; tho' he ſhould ſpeak, ſwearing by holy * Oſiris, believe me; *now* I don't impoſe upon you: O cruel, take up the lame. Seek out for † a ſtranger, cries the *whole* hoarſe neighbourhood.

EPISTLE XVIII.

To LOLLIUS.

He treats at large upon the cultivation of the favour of great men, then concludes with a few words concerning the acquirement of peace of mind.

IF I rightly know your temper, moſt ingenuous Lollius, you will beware of imitating a flatterer, while you profeſs yourſelf a friend. As a matron is unlike, and of a different aſpect from a common ſtrumpet, ſo will a true friend differ from the toad-eater. There is an oppoſite vice to this, rather greater *of the two*; a clowniſh, inelegant, and diſagreeable bluntneſs, which would recommend itſelf by an unſhaven face and black teeth: while it deſires to be term'd downright freedom and true ſincerity. Virtue is the medium of the *two* vices, and equally remote from either. The one is too prone to complaiſance, and a jeſter of the ‡ loweſt couch, he ſo reverences the rich man's nod, ſo repeats his ſpeeches, and catches up his falling words; inſomuch that you would take him for a ſchool-boy, ſaying his leſſon to a rigid maſter, or

* Oſiris *being the great* Egyptian *God, perhaps it is hence to be collected, That gypſies, or* Egyptians, *were common impoſtors in* Rome; *and that the name of that vagrant tribe is hence ſtill continued in the ſame ſenſe.*

† *One that has had no experience of your impoſtures.*

‡ *The lower end of the table.*

Reddere, vel partes mimum tractare ſecundas;
(a) Alter rixatur de lana ſæpe caprina;
Propugnat nugis armatus: Scilicet, ut non
Sit mihi prima fides; et, vere quod placet, ut non
Acriter elatrem, pretium ætas altera ſordet.
Ambigitur quid enim? Caſtor ſciat an Docilis plus?
Brundiſium Minuci melius via ducat, an Appi?

Quem damnoſa Venus, quem præceps alea nudat;
Gloria quem ſupra vires et veſtit et ungit,
Quem tenet argenti ſitis importuna famesque,
Quem paupertatis pudor et fuga; dives amicus,
Sæpe decem vitiis inſtructior, odit, et horret;
Aut ſi non odit, regit; ac, veluti pia mater,
Plus quam ſe ſapere, et virtutibus eſſe priorem
Vult: et ait prope vera; Meæ (contendere noli)
Stultitiam patiuntur opes: tibi parvula res eſt:
Arcta decet ſanum comitem toga: deſine mecum
Certare. Eutrapelus, cuicunque nocere volebat,
Veſtimenta dabat pretioſa. beatus enim jam
Cum pulchris tunicis ſumet nova conſilia et ſpes;
Dormiet in lucem; ſcorto poſtponet honeſtum
Officium; nummos alienos paſcet; ad imum
Thrax erit, aut olitoris aget mercede caballum.

Arcanum (b) neque tu ſcrutaberis illius unquam;
Commiſſumque teges, et vino tortus et ira.
Nec tua laudabis ſtudia, aut aliena reprendes:
Nec, cum venari volet ille, poemata panges.
Gratia ſic fratrum geminorum Amphionis atque
Zethi diſſiluit; donec ſuſpecta ſevero
Conticuit lyra. fraternis ceſſiſſe putatur
Moribus Amphion: tu cede potentis amici

(a) Alter rixator. *Muret.*
(b) Neque tu ſcrutaberis ullius unquam.

Lenibus

that a player was acting an under part; another often wrangles *even* for a *goat's hair; and arms and engages for any trifle: "That I, truly, shou'd not have "the first credit; and that I shou'd not boldly speak "aloud what is my real sentiment—*upon such terms* "another life would be of no value." But what is the subject of this controversy? *Why*, whether *the gladiator* Castor or Docilis be the cleverer fellow; whether the Minucian or the Appian be the better road to Brundisium?

Him, whom pernicious venery, whom the quick dispatching die beggars; whom vanity dresses out and perfumes beyond his abilities, whom insatiable hunger and thirst after money, *or* whom a shame and aversion of poverty possesses; his rich friend, *tho'* furnished with half a score more vices *than he*, hates and abhors: or, if he does not hate him, governs him; and, like the pious mother to her son, wou'd have him more wife and virtuous than herself: and says what is nearly true; my riches (think not to imitate me) admit of extravagancy: your income is but small: a scanty gown becomes a prudent dependant: cease to vie with me. Whomsoever Eutrapelus had a mind to punish, he presented with costly garments. For now, *(said he)* happy in his fine cloaths, he will assume new schemes and hopes; he will sleep till daylight; prefer a harlot to his honest calling; will run † into debt; and at last become a gladiator, or drive a gardener's horse for hire.

Do not you at any time pry into his *(your patron's)* secrets; and keep close what is intrusted to you, *tho'* put to the torture by *the force of* wine or passion. Neither commend your own inclinations, or find fault with those of others: nor, when he is disposed to hunt, must you make verses. For by such means the amity of the twins Zethus and Amphion broke off; till the lyre, disliked by the austere *brother*, was silent. Amphion is thought to have given way to his bro-

* *A proverbial expression for making much ado about a trifle.*
† *Literally, feeds on other mens money.*

Lenibus imperiis : quotieſque educet in agros
Ætolis onerata plagis jumenta, caneſque ;
Surge et inhumanæ ſenium depone Camenæ,
Cœnes ut pariter pulmenta laboribus emta ;
Romanis ſolenne viris opus, utile famæ,
Vitæque, et membris : præſertim cum valeas, et
Vel curſu ſuperare canem, vel viribus aprum
Poſſis. adde, virilia quod ſpecioſius arma
Non eſt qui tractet. ſcis quo clamore coronæ
Prœlia ſuſtineas campeſtria : denique ſævum
Militiam puer et Cantabrica bella tuliſti
Sub duce, qui templis (*a*) Parthorum ſigna refigit
Nunc ; et, ſi quid abeſt, (*b*) Italis adjudicat armis.
Ac, ne te retrahas, et inexcuſabilis abſis ;
Quamvis nil extra numerum feciſſe modumque
Curas, interdum nugaris rure paterno.
Partitur lintres exercitus : Actia pugna,
Te duce, per pueros hoſtili more refertur :
Adverſarius eſt frater ; lacus, Adria : donec
Alterutrum velox victoria fronde coronet.
Conſentire ſuis ſtudiis qui crediderit te,
Fautor utroque tuum laudabit pollice ludum.

Protinus ut moneam (ſi quid monitoris eges tu ;)
Quid de quoque viro, et cui dicas, ſæpe videto.
Percontatorem fugito : nam garrulus idem eſt ;

(*a*) Parthorum ſigna refixit ;
Nunc et
(*b*) Italis adj dicat arvis. *Bentl.*

Nec

ther's humours: ſo do you *rather* yield to the gentle dictates of your friend in power: as often as he leads forth his dogs into the fields, and his cattle laden with Ætolian nets; ariſe, and lay aſide the peeviſhneſs of your unmannerly muſe, that you may ſup together on the delicious fare, purchaſed by your labour; *for this* is an exerciſe habitual to the manly Romans, of ſervice to their fame, and life, and limbs: eſpecially when you are in health, and are able either to excel the dog in ſwiftneſs, or the boar in ſtrength. Add *to this*, that there is no one who handles martial weapons more gracefully. You well know with what acclamations of the ſpectators you ſuſtain the combats in the Campus Martius: in fine, as yet a boy, you endured a bloody campaign and the Cantabrian wars, beneath a commander, who is now replacing the ſtandards *recovered* from the Parthian temples; and, if any thing is wanting, aſſigns to the Roman arms *their grandeur*. And that you may not withdraw yourſelf *from ſuch diverſions*, and inexcuſably be abſent; tho' you are careful to do nothing out of meaſure and moderation, yet you ſometimes amuſe yourſelf at your country ſeat. The *mock* fleet divides the little boats *into two ſquadrons*: the Actian ſea-fight is repreſented by boys under your direction in a hoſtile form: your brother is the foe; your lake, the Adriatic: *where you fight* till * rapid victory crowns the one or the other with her bays. Your patron † *Auguſtus*, who will perceive that you come into his taſte, will applaud your ſports with ‡ both his hands.

Moreover, that I may adviſe you (if *in truth* you ſtand in need of an adviſer;) take great circumſpection what you ſay of any man, and to whom. Avoid an inquiſitive impertinent: for ſuch an one is *always* a

* *The victory at* Actium, *according to* Plutarch *and* Florus, *was gain'd very expeditiouſly.*

† Auguſtus *had inſtituted games of this nature to commemorate the battle of* Actium.

‡ *Literally—with both his thumbs.—At the combats of the gladiators, the compreſſion of the thumbs was an indication of popularity, as turning them upwards was of diſapprobation, even to death.*

Nec retinent patulæ commiſſa fideliter aures:
Et ſemel emiſſum volat irrevocabile verbum.

Non ancilla tuum jecur ulceret ulla, puerve,
Intra marmoreum venerandi limen amici:
Ne dominus, pueri pulchri caræve puellæ
Munere te parvo beet, aut incommodus angat.

Qualem commendes, etiam atque etiam aſpice: ne mox
Incutiant aliena tibi peccata pudorem.
Fallimur, et quondam non dignum tradimus. ergo,
Quem ſua culpa premet, deceptus omitte tueri;
(a) Ut penitus notum, ſi tentent crimina, ſerves,
Tuteriſque tuo fidentem præſidio: qui
Dente Theonino cum circumroditur, ecquid
Ad te poſt paulo ventura pericula ſentis?
Nam tua res agitur, paries cum proximus ardet:
Et neglecta ſolent incendia ſumere vires.

Dulcis inexpertis cultura potentis amici:
Expertus metuit tu, dum tua navis in alto eſt,
Hoc age, ne mutata retrorſum te ferat aura.

Oderunt hilarem triſtes, triſtemque jocoſi;
Sedatum celeres; agilem gnavumque remiſſi:
Potores bibuli (b) media de nocte Falerni
Oderunt porrecta negantem pocula: quamvis
Nocturnos jures (c) te formidare teporem.
Deme ſupercilio nubem: plerumque modeſtus
Occupat obſcuri ſpeciem, taciturnus acerbi.

Inter cuncta leges, et percontabere doctos,
Qua ratione queas traducere leniter ævum:

(a) At penitus notum, *Bentl.* (b) Media de luce. *Bentl.*
(c) Te formidare vapores.

Ne

tatler; nor do *ſuch* open ears retain with fidelity, what is intruſted to them: and a word once ſent abroad flies irrevocably.

Let no ſlave within the marble threſhold of your honour'd friend inflame your heart: leſt the owner of the beloved damſel gratify you with *ſo* trifling a preſent, or mortifying *to your wiſhes* ſhou'd torment you *with a refuſal.*

Look over and over again *into the merits of* ſuch an one as you recommend: leſt afterwards the faults of others ſtrike you with ſhame. We are *ſometimes* impoſed upon, and now and then introduce an unworthy perſon. Wherefore, *once* deceived, forbear to defend *one* who ſuffers by his own bad conduct; but protect one, whom you intirely know, and with confidence guard him with your patronage, if falſe accuſations attack him: who when he is bit with the tooth of * calumny, do you not perceive that the ſame danger is hanging over your head? For it becomes your own affair, when the adjoining wall is on fire: and flames neglected are wont to get a-head

The attending the levee of a friend in power ſeems delightful to the unexperienced: the experienced dread it. Do you, while your veſſel is in the main, ply your buſineſs, leſt a changing gale bear you back again.

The melancholy hate the merry, and the jocoſe the melancholy; the volatile *diſlike* the ſedate; *and* the indolent, the ſtirring and vivacious: the quaffers of pure Falernian from mid-day, hate one who paſſes his turn; notwithſtanding you ſwear you are afraid of the fumes of wine by night. Diſpel *all* gloominеſs from your forehead: the modeſt man generally carries the look of a ſullen one, *and* the reſerved of a churl.

In every thing you muſt read and conſult the learned, by what means you may be enabled to paſs your life in an agreeable manner: that inſatiable deſire

* *Literally——with the tooth of* Theon, *who was a* Grecian *poet, remarkable for the ill-natured ſpirit of ſatire that prevail'd in his writings.*

Ne te ſemper inops agitet vexetque cupido,
Ne pavor, et rerum mediocriter utilium ſpes:
Virtutem doctrina paret, naturane donet:
Quid minuat curas, quid te tibi reddat amicum:
Quid pure tranquillet; honos, an dulce lucellum,
An ſecretum iter, et fallentis ſemita vitæ.

Me quoties reficit (*a*) gelidus Digentia rivus,
Quem Mandela bibit, rugoſus frigore pagus;
Quid ſentire putas, quid credis amice, precari?
Sit mihi, quod nunc eſt; etiam minus: (*b*) et mihi vivam
Quod ſupereſt ævi, ſi quid ſuperèſſe volunt Di:
Sit bona librorum et proviſæ frugis in annum
Copia; ne fluitem dubiæ ſpe pendulus horæ.
(*c*) Sed ſatis eſt orare Jovem qui ponit et aufert;
Det vitam, det opes: æquum mi animum ipſe parabo.

EPISTOLA XIX.

Ad MÆCENATEM.

Querundam qui ſeipſum imitarentur, fatuitatem; qui criminarentur, invidiam coargut.

PRISCO ſi credis, Mæcenas docte, Cratino;
Nulla placere diu nec vivere carmina poſſunt,
Quæ ſcribuntur aquæ potoribus. ut male ſanos
Adſcripſit Liber Satyris Fauniſque poetas;
Vina fere dulces oluerunt mane Camenæ.
Laudibus arguitur vini vinoſus Homerus:
Ennius ipſe pater nunquam niſi potus ad arma

(*a*) Gelidis Digentia rivis. (*b*) Ut mihi vivam.
(*c*) Hæc ſatis eſt orare Jovem, qui donat.

Proſiluit

may not agitate and torment you, nor the fear and hope of things that are but of little account: whether learning acquires virtue, or nature beſtows it: what leſſens the ſolicitudes *of life*, what may endear you to yourſelf: what perfectly renders the temper calm; honour, or enticing lucre, or a *ſecret* paſſage, and the path of an unnoticed life.

For my part, as often as the cooling * rivulet Digentia refreſhes me; *Digentia*, of which Mandela drinks, a village chopt with cold; what, my friend, do you think are my ſentiments, what do you imagine I pray for? *Why* that my fortune may remain, as it is now: or even *if it be ſomething* leſs; and that I may live to myſelf, what remains of my time, if the Gods will that ought do remain: that I may have a good ſtore of books and corn provided for the year; that I may not fluctuate in ſuſpence of each uncertain hour. But 'tis ſufficient to ſue to Jove *for theſe external*s, which he gives and takes away *at pleaſure*; let him grant life, let him grant wealth: I myſelf will provide an equanimity of temper.

EPISTLE XIX.

To MÆCENAS.

He ſhews the folly of ſome perſons, who would imitate him; and the envy of others, who would cenſure him.

MY learned *friend* Mæcenas, if you believe old Cratinus, no verſes which are written by water-drinkers can pleaſe, or be long-liv'd. Ever ſince Bacchus inliſted the brain-ſick poets amongſt the Satyrs and the Fauns; the ſweet Muſes have uſually ſmelt of wine in the morning. Homer, by his exceſſive praiſes of wine, is convicted as a boozer: father Ennius,

* *A little rivulet in our poet's* Sabine *farm.*

Profiluit dicenda. Forum, putealque Libonis
Mandabo ficcis, adimam cantare severis.

(a) Hoc simul edixi, non cessavere poetæ
Nocturno certare mero, putere diurno.
Quid? si quis vultu torvo ferus, et pede nudo,
Exiguæque togæ simulet textore Catonem;
Virtutemne repræsentet moresque Catonis?
Rupit Hyarbitam (b) Timagenis æmula lingua,
Dum studet urbanus, tenditque disertus haberi.
Decipit exemplar vitiis imitabile, proh! si
Pallerem casu, biberent exsangue cuminum.
O imitatores, servum pecus; (c) ut mihi sæpe
Bilem, sæpe jocum vestri movere tumultus!

Libera per vacuum posui vestigia princeps,
Non aliena meo pressi pede. qui sibi fidit
Dux, regit examen. Parios ego primus iambos
Ostendi Latio; numeros animosque secutus
Archilochi, non res et agentia verba Lycamben.
At ne me foliis ideo brevioribus ornes,
Quod timui mutare modos et carminis artem:
Temperat Archilochi Musam pede mascula Sappho;
Temperat Alcæus: sed rebus et ordine dispar,
Nec socerum quærit, quem versibus oblinat atris;
Nec sponsæ laqueum famoso carmine nectit.
Hunc ego, non alio dictum prius ore, Latinus

(a) Hoc simul edixit,
(b) Timagenis æmula cœna,
(c) —— Ut mihi bilem:
Ut mihi sæpe jocum.

Vulgavi

himſelf never ſallied forth to ſing of arms, unleſs *he was* in drink. "I will condemn the ſober *therefore* to "the bar and the * prætor's bench, and deprive the "abſtemious of the power of ſinging."

As ſoon as I gave out this edict, the poets did not ceaſe to contend in midnight cups, and to ſtink of 'em by day. What? if any ſavage, by a ſtern countenance, and bare feet, and the texture of a ſcanty gown ſhou'd imitate Cato; will he *too* repreſent the virtue and morals of Cato? The tongue that imitated *the manner* of Timagenes was the deſtruction of † the Moor, while he affected to be humorous, and attempted to ſeem eloquent. The example that is imitable in *its* faults takes in *the ignorant*. Soh! if I was to grow pale by accident, *theſe poetaſters* would drink the blood-thinning cumin. O ye imitators, a ſervile herd; how often your buſtling efforts raiſe my indignation, how often excite my mirth!

I *was* the original, *who* ſet my free footſteps upon the vacant *ſod*; I trod not in the ſteps of others. He who depends upon himſelf as leader, commands the ſwarm I firſt ſhew'd to Italy the ‡ Parian iambics; following the numbers and ſpirit of Archilochus, but not his ſubject and *the acrimony of his* ſtyle, ‖ that afflicted Lycambes. You muſt not however crown me with a more ſparing wreath, becauſe I was afraid to alter the meaſure and ſtructure of his verſe: for the manly Sappho governs her muſe by the meaſures of Archilochus; ſo does Alcæus: but differing from him in the materials and diſpoſition *of his verſes*, nor does he ſeek for a father-in-law whom he may defame with his fatal lampoons; nor does he tie a rope for his betrothed ſpouſe in ſcandalous verſe. Him too, never celebrated by any other tongue, I the Roman

* *Literally,* Libo's *tribunal, ſo called from its founder* Libo.

† Jarbita *(ſays the ſcholiaſt) was a Moor, whoſe name was* Cordus, *who attempting in vain to imitate, or (as the modern phraſe is)* TAKE OFF *the droll* Timagenes, *a rhetorician of* Alexandria, *burſt with vexation and deſpair.*

‡ Archilochus, *the inventor of iambics, was of the iſland of* Paros.

‖ Lycambes *was drove to hang himſelf by* Archilochus's *ſatire. See Epod.* VI.

Vulgavi fidicen. juvat immemorata ferentem
Ingenuis oculisque legi, manibusque teneri.

Scire velis, mea cur ingratus opuscula lector
Laudet ametque domi, premat extra limen iniquus?
Non ego ventosæ plebis suffragia venor
Impensis cœnarum, et tritæ munere vestis:
Non ego, nobilium scriptorum auditor et ultor,
Grammaticas ambire tribus et pulpita dignor.
Hinc illæ lacrymæ. Spissis indigna theatris
Scripta pudet recitare, et nugis addere pondus,
Si dixi; Rides, ait, et Jovis auribus ista
Servas: fidis enim manare poetica mella
Te solum, tibi pulcher. Ad hæc ego naribus uti
Formido; et luctantis acuto ne secer ungui,
Displicet iste locus, clamo, et diludia posco.
Ludus enim genuit trepidum certamen, et iram:
Ira truces inimicitias, et funebre bellum.

EPISTOLA XX.

Ad LIBRUM SUUM.

Erumpere gestientem retinere frustra conatus, quid molestiæ exsorbendum sit monet, ac nonnulla de se posteritati nuncianda mandat.

VERTUMNUM Janumque, liber, spectare videris;
Scilicet ut prostes Sosiorum pumice mundus.
Odisti claves, et grata sigilla pudico:

Paucis

lyriſt firſt made known. It is a pleaſure to me, as I bring out new productions, to be peruſed by the eyes, and held in the hands of the ingenuous.

Would you know, why the ungrateful reader extols and is fond of my works at home, *and yet* unjuſtly decries them without doors? *Why*, I hunt not after the applauſe of the inconſtant vulgar, at the expence of entertainments, and for the bribe of a worn-out coat: I am not an auditor of *any* noble writers, nor a vindictive reciter *in my turn*, nor condeſcend to court the tribes and deſks of the grammarians. Hence are theſe tears *of reſentment*. If I ſay that I am aſhamed to repeat my worthleſs writings to crouded theatres, and give an air of conſequence to *ſuch* trifles; "You "ridicule us, ſays *one of them*, and you reſerve thoſe "*pieces* for the ears of *Jove: you are confident that "*it is* you alone who can diſtil the poetic honey, *ſo* "*wondrous* beautiful *are you* in your own eyes." At theſe *ſneers* I am afraid to turn up my noſe; and leſt I ſhou'd be torn by the acute nails of my adverſary, this place is diſagreeable, I cry out, and demand a prorogation of the conteſt. For conteſt begets trembling emulation, and ſtrife; and ſtrife *brings forth* cruel enmities and funeral war.

EPISTLE XX.

To HIS BOOK.

In vain he endeavours to keep in his book deſirous of getting abroad, tells it what trouble it is to undergo, and refers to poſterity ſome other things to be ſaid of him.

YOU ſeem, my book, to look *wiſhfully* at †Janus and Vertumnus; to the end that you may be ſet out for ſale, neatly poliſhed by the pumice ſtone of the ‡Soſii. You hate keys, and ſeals, which are

* Auguſtus.

† *The forum, where two ſtatues were erected to thoſe deities.*

‡ *Two very eminent* Roman *bookſellers.*

agree-

Paucis ostendi gemis, et communia laudas;
Non ita nutritus. (a) fuge quo descendere gestis:
Non erit emisso reditus tibi. Quid miser agi?
Quid volui? dices; (b) ubi quid te læserit, et scis
In breve te cogi, cum plenus languet amator,
Quod si non odio peccantis desipit augur,
Carus eris Romæ, donec te deserat ætas.
Contrectatus ubi manibus sordescere vulgi
Cœperis; aut tineas pasces taciturnus inertes,
Aut fugies Uticam, aut (c) vinctus mitteris Ilerdam.
Ridebit monitor non exauditus: ut ille,
Qui male parentem in rupes protrusit asellum
Iratus. quis enim invitum servare laboret?
Hoc quoque te manet, ut pueros elementa docentem
Occupet extremis in vicis balba senectus.
Cum tibi sol tepidus plures admoverit aures;
Me libertino natum patre, et in tenui re
Majores pennas nido extendisse loqueris;
Ut quantum generi demas, virtutibus addas:
Me primis Urbis belli placuisse domique;
Corporis exigui, præcanum, solibus aptum,
Irasci celerem, tamen ut placabilis essem,
Forte meum si quis te percontabitur ævum;
Me quater undenos sciat implevisse Decembres,
Collegam Lepidum quo duxit Lollius anno.

(a) Fuge, quo decedere gestis;
(b) Ubi quis te læserit.
(c) Unctus mitteris Ilerdam.

agreeable to a modeſt *volume:* you grieve that you are ſhewn but to a few, and extol public places; tho' educated in another manner. Away with you, whither you are ſo ſolicitous of going: there will be no returning for you, when you are once ſent out. Wretch that I am, what have I done? What did I want? you will ſay; when any one gives you ill-treatment, and you know that you will be † squeezed into ſmall compaſs, as ſoon as the eager reader is ſatiated. But if the Augur be not prejudiced by reſentment of your error, you ſhall be careſſed at Rome *only* till your youth be paſſed. When thumb'd by the hands of the vulgar you ſhall begin to grow dirty; either you ſhall in ſilence feed the groveling book worms, or you ſhall make your eſcape to ‡ Utica, or ſhall be ſent bound to ‖ Ilerda. Your diſregarded adviſer ſhall then laugh *at you:* as he, who in a paſſion puſhed his refractory aſs over the precipice. For who would ſave *an aſs* againſt his will? This *fate* too awaits you, that faultering dotage ſhall ſeize on you to teach boys their rudiments in the ſkirts of the city. But when the abating § warmth of the ſun ſhall attract more ears; you ſhall tell them, that I was the ſon of a freedman, *and* extended my wings beyond my neſt; ſo that as much as you take away from my family, you may add to my merit: that I was in favour with the firſt men in the ſtate, both in war and peace; of a ſhort ſtature, grey before my time, calculated for ſuſtaining of heat, prone to paſſion, but ſo as to be ſoon appeaſed. If any one ſhou'd chance to enquire my age; let him know that I had compleated four times ** eleven Decembers, in the year that Lollius took in Lepidus as his collegue *in the conſulate.*

† *Roll'd up cloſe, to lie by: at that time of day, all books were in rolls, the* libri quadrati, *as we have them now, not coming into uſe till long afterwards.*

‡ *A city of* Africa.

‖ *A town in* Spain.

§ *When company meet together to converſe in the gentler heat of the evening.*

** Horace *was born on the 8th of* December, *an. ab urb. cond.* 689, *and conſequently his forty-fourth year ended* 733. SANADON.

Q. HORATII FLACCI

EPISTOLARUM

LIBER II.

EPISTOLA I.

Ad AUGUSTUM.

Ampliſſimis eum laudibus demeretur; tum de poeſi, unde cœperit, ut judicanda ſit et ornanda, varie diſſerit.

CUM tot ſuſtineas et tanta negotia ſolus,
Res Italas armis tuteris, (a) moribus ornes,
Legibus emendes; in publica commoda peccem,

(a) Mœnibus ornes, *Bentl.*

Si

THE

EPISTLES

OF

HORACE.

BOOK II.

EPISTLE I.

To AUGUSTUS*.

He honours him with the highest compliments; then treats copiously of poetry, its origin, character, and excellence.

SINCE you alone support *the burden* of so many and such weighty concerns, defend Italy with your arms, adorn it by your virtues, reform it by your laws; I should offend, O Cæsar, against the interests

* *This epistle is supposed to have been occasioned by a kind reproach from* Augustus, *for our author's neglect, or bashfulness, in acknowledging him in his works;* "*Know, says he, I am angry with you.* "*What are you apprehensive it will injure your reputation with poste-*" *rity, that you have been one of my friends?*" *This is deservedly ranked amongst our author's best performances; and proves at once the most perfect delicacy of taste and manners, a masculine superiority of genius,*

Si longo ſermone morer tua tempora Cæſar.

Romulus, et Liber pater, et cum Caſtore Pollux,
(a) Poſt ingentia facta, Deorum in templa recepti,
Dum terras hominumque colunt genus, aſpera bella
Componunt, agros aſſignant, (b) oppida condunt;
Ploravere ſuis non reſpondere favorem
Speratum meritis. diram qui contudit Hydram,
Notaque fatali portenta labore ſubegit,
Comperit invidiam ſupremo fine domari.
Urit enim fulgore ſuo, qui prægravat artes
Infra ſe poſitas: extinctus amabitur idem.
Præſenti tibi maturos largimur honores,
Jurandaſque (c) tuum per numen ponimus aras,
Nil orturum aliàs, nil ortum tale fatentes.
(d) Sed tuus hoc populus ſapiens et juſtus in uno,
Te noſtris ducibus, te Graiis anteferendo,
Cætera nequaquam ſimili ratione modoque
Æſtimat; et, niſi quæ terris ſemota ſuiſque
Temporibus defuncta videt, faſtidit et odit;
Sic fautor veterum, ut tabulas peccare vetantes,
Quas bis quinque viri ſanxerunt; fœdera regum,
Vel Gabiis vel cum rigidis æquata Sabinis;
Pontificum libros, annoſa volumina vatum,
Dictitet Albano Muſas in monte locutas.

Si, quia Græcorum ſunt antiquiſſima quæque
Scripta, vel optima; Romani penſantur eadem
Scriptores trutina; non eſt quod multa loquamur:
(e) Nil intra eſt oleam, nil extra eſt in nuce duri.
Venimus ad ſummum fortunæ: pingimus, atque
Pſallimus, et luctamur Achivis doctiùs unctis.

(a) Poſt ingentia fata, *Bentl.*
(b) Oppida formant.
(c) Tuum per nomen.
(d) Sed tuus hic populus.
(e) Nil intra eſt olea, *Bentl.*

Si

tereſts of my country, did I treſpaſs upon your time with a long diſcourſe.

Romulus and father Bacchus, and Caſtor and Pollux, after great atchievements, received into the temples of the Gods, while they were improving the world and human nature, compoſing fierce diſſenſions, ſettling property, building cities; lamented that the eſteem they might have expected was not paid in proportion to their merits. He who cruſhed the dire hydra, and ſubdued the renowned monſters by his fore-fated labour, found envy was to be tamed by death *alone*. For he burns with his ſplendor, whoſe ſuperiority is oppreſſive to the arts beneath him: after his decreaſe he ſhall be had in honour. On you, *while* preſent amongſt us, we confer mature honours, and rear altars where your name is to be ſworn by, confeſſing that nothing equal to you has hitherto riſen, or will hereafter riſe. But here your people, wiſe and juſt in this one point, for preferring you to our own, you to the Grecian heroes, by no means eſtimate other things with like proportion and meaſure; and diſdain and deteſt every thing, but what they ſee removed from earth and already paſt; ſuch favourers are they of antiquity, as to aſſert that the Muſes *themſelves*, upon mount Albanus, dictated the Twelve Tables, forbidding to tranſgreſs, which the Decemviri ratified; the leagues of our kings concluded with the Gabii, or the rigid Sabines: the records of the Pontifices, and the antient volumes of the Augurs.

If, becauſe the moſt antient writings of the Greeks are alſo the beſt, Roman authors are *to be* weighed in the ſame ſcale; there is no need we ſhould ſay much: there's nothing hard in the inſide of an olive, nothing *hard* in the outſide of a nut. We are arrived at the higheſt pitch of ſucceſs *in arts:* we paint, and ſing, and wreſtle more ſkilfully than the anointed Greeks.

genius, a correct judgment, and an extraordinary compaſs of erudition, The length of it ſeems alſo to have been occaſioned by the emperor's raillery, where he banter'd him with being afraid of making his poems diſproportioned to his ſtature.

If

Si meliora dies, ut vina, poemata reddit;
Scire velim, chartis pretium quotus arroget annus.
Scriptor ab hinc annos centum qui decidit, inter
Perfectos veteresque referri debet, an inter
Viles atque novos? excludat jurgia finis.
Est vetus atque probus centum qui perficit annos.
Quid? qui deperiit minor uno mense, vel anno;
Inter quos referendus erit? (a) veteresne poetas,
An quos et præsens et (b) postera respuat ætas?
Iste quidem veteres inter ponetur honeste,
Qui vel mense brevi, vel toto est junior anno.
Utor permisso, caudæque pilos ut equinæ
Paulatim vello; et demo unum, demo etiam unum;
Dum cadat elusus ratione ruentis acervi,
Qui redit ad fastos, et virtutem æstimat annis,
Miraturque nihil, nisi quod Libitina sacravit.

Ennius et sapiens, et fortis, et alter Homerus,
Ut critici dicunt, leviter curare videtur
Quo promissa cadant, et somnia Pythagorea.
Nævius in manibus non est, at mentibus hæret
Pene recens: adeo sanctum est vetus omne poema.
Ambigitur quoties, uter utro sit prior; aufert
Pacuvius docti famam senis, Accius alti:
Dicitur Afrani toga convenisse Menandro;
Plautus ad exemplar Siculi properare Epicharmi;
Vincere Cæcilius gravitate, Terentius arte.
Hos ediscit, et hos arcto stipata theatro
Spectat Roma potens; habet hos numeratque poetas
Ad nostrum tempus, Livi Scriptoris ab ævo.
Interdum vulgus rectum videt: est ubi peccat.
Si veteres ita miratur laudatque poetas,
Ut nil anteferat, nihil illis comparet; errat:

(a) Veteresne probosque. *Bentl.* (b) Postera respuet ætas.

If length of time makes poems better, as it does wine; I would fain know how many years will ſtamp a value on writings. A writer who died an hundred years ago, is he to be reckoned among the perfect and antient, or among the mean and modern authors? Let ſome fixed period exclude all diſpute. He is an old and good writer who completes a hundred years. What? one that died a month, or a year later; among which is he to be ranked? *Among* the old poets, or, *among* thoſe whom both the preſent age and poſterity will diſdainfully reject? He may fairly be placed among the antients, who is younger either by a ſhort month only, or even by a whole year. I take the advantage of this conceſſion, and pull away by little and little, as *if they were* the hairs of a horſe's tail; and I take away one, and then again another ſingle one; till, like a tumbling heap, *my adverſary*, who has recourſe to annals, and eſtimates excellency by the year, and admires nothing but what Libitina has made ſacred, falls to the ground.

Ennius the wiſe, the nervous, and, as our criticks ſay, a ſecond Homer, ſeems ſlightly to regard what becomes of his promiſes and Pythagorean dreams. Nævius is not in people's hands, but ſtill ſticks almoſt freſh in their memory: ſo ſacred is every antient poem. As oft as a debate ariſes whether this *poet*, or the other is preferable; Pacuvius bears away the character of a learned, Accius of a lofty writer: Afranius's gown is ſaid to have fitted Menander; Plautus *is ſaid* to hurry after the pattern of the Sicilian Epicharmus; Cæcilius to excel in gravity, Terence in contrivance. Theſe mighty Rome learns by heart, and theſe ſhe views crouded in her *too* narrow theatre; theſe ſhe eſteems and accounts her poets from * Livy the writer's age, down to our time. Sometimes the populace ſee right: they are ſometimes wrong: if they admire and extol the antient poets ſo as to prefer nothing before, to compare nothing with them; they

* Livius Andronicus, *the oldeſt of the* Latin *poets, and the firſt of them who compoſed a play in form.*

err:

Si quædam nimis antique, si pleraque dure
(a) Dicere cedit eos, ignave multa fatetur;
Et sapit, et mecum facit, et Jove judicat æquo.
Non equidem insector, delendaque (b) carmina Livi
Esse reor, nemini quæ plagosum mihi parvo
Orbilium dictare; sed emendata videri
Pulchraque, et exactis minimum distantia, miror:
Inter quæ verbum emicuit si forte decorum, et
Si versus paulo concinnior unus et alter;
Injuste totum ducit venitque poema.
Indignor quidquam reprehendi, non quia crasse
Compositum, illepideve putetur, sed quia nuper;
Nec veniam antiquis, sed honorem et præmia posci.
Recte necne crocum floresque perambulet Attæ
Fabula, si dubitem; clament periisse pudorem
Cuncti pene patres: ea cum reprehendere coner,
Quæ gravis Æsopus, quæ doctus Roscius egit:
Vel quia nil rectum, nisi quod placuit sibi, ducunt;
Vel quia turpe putant parere minoribus, et, quæ
(c) Imberbi didicere, senes perdenda fateri.
Jam Saliare Numæ carmen qui laudat, et illud,
Quod mecum ignorat, solus vult scire videri;
Ingeniis non ille favet plauditque sepultis,
Nostra sed impugnat, nos nostraque lividus odit.
Quod si tam Graiis novitas invisa fuisset,
Quam nobis; quid nunc esset vetus? aut quid haberet,
Quod legeret tereretque viritim publicus usus?

(a) Dicere cedet eos.
(b) Carmina Livi.
(c) Imberbes didicere.

err: if they think and allow that they express some things in an obsolete, most in a stiff, many in a careless manner; they both think sensibly, and agree with me, and determine with the assent of Jove himself. Not that I bear an ill will against Livy's epics, and would doom them to destruction, which I remember the severe Orbilius taught me when a boy; but that they should seem correct, beautiful, and very little short of being perfect; *this is what* I wonder *at:* Among which, if by chance a bright expression shines forth, and if one line or two *happen to be* somewhat terse and musical; this unreasonably carries off and sells the whole poem. I am disgusted that any thing should be found fault with, not because it is a lumpish composition, or inelegant, but because it is modern; and that, not a favourable allowance, but honour and rewards are demanded for the old writers. Should I scruple whether or no Atta's drama trod the *saffron and flowers in a proper manner; almost all the fathers would cry out, that modesty was lost: since I attempted to find fault with those *pieces* which the pathetic Æsopus, which the skilful Roscius acted: either because they esteem nothing right but what has pleased themselves; or because they think it disgraceful to submit to their juniors, and to confess now they are old, that what they learnt when young, deserves only to be destroyed. Now he who extols Numa's Salian hymn, and would seem only to understand that which, as well as me, he is ignorant of; does not *by that* favour and applaud the geniuses *that have been long* buried, but attacks ours, enviously hating us moderns and every thing of ours. Whereas if novelty had been detested by the Greeks, as much as by us; what at this time would there have been antient; or what would there have been to be read, and thumbed in common by every body.

* *Perfumed waters were sprinkled thro' the* Roman *theatres, and the stage was covered with flowers.* Titus Quintius *had the surname of* Atta *given him, which signifies a man who walks on tip-toe. His singular gait is here alluded to.*

Wher

Ut primum positis nugari Græcia bellis
Cœpit, et in vitium fortuna labier æqua;
Nunc athletarum studiis, nunc arsit equorum;
Marmoris, aut eboris fabros, aut æris amavit;
Suspendit picta vultum mentemque tabella;
Nunc tibicinibus, nunc est gavisa tragœdis:
Sub nutrice puella velut si luderet infans,
Quod cupide petiit, matura plena reliquit.
Quid placet, aut odio est, quod non mutabile credas?
Hoc paces habuere bonæ, ventique secundi.
Romæ dulce diu fuit et solenne, reclusa
Mane domo vigilare, clienti promere jura;
(a) Cautos nominibus certis expendere numinos;
Majores audire, minori dicere, per quæ
Crescere res posset, minui damnosa libido.
Mutavit mentem populus levis, et calet uno
Scribendi studio: pueri patresque severi
Fronde comas vincti cœnant, et carmina dictant.
Ipse ego, qui nullus me affirmo scribere versus,
Invenior Parthis mendacior; et prius orto
Sole vigil; calamum et chartas et scrinia posco.
Navem agere ignarus navis timet: abrotonum ægro
Non audet, nisi qui didicit, dare: (b) quod medicorum est,
Promittunt medici: tractant fabrilia fabri:
Scribimus indocti doctique poemata passim.
Hic error tamen et levis hæc insania quantas
Virtutes habeat, sic collige: vatis avarus
Non temere est animus: versus amat, hoc studet unum;
Detrimenta, fugas servorum, incendia ridet;
Non fraudem socio puerove incogitat ullam
Pupillo; vivit siliquis, et pane secundo;
Militiæ quanquam piger et malus, utilis urbi,
Si das hoc, parvis quoque rebus magna juvari;
Os tenerum pueri balbumque poeta figurat:
Torquet ab obscœnis jam nunc sermonibus aurem;
Mox etiam pectus præceptis format amicis,
Asperitatis et invidiæ corrector et iræ;

(a) Scriptos nominibus rectis.
(b) ——— quod melicorum est
Promittunt melici. *Bentl.*

Recte

When firſt Greece, her wars being over, began to trifle, and thro' proſperity to glide into folly; ſhe glowed with the love one while of wreſtlers, another while of horſes; was fond of artificers in marble, or in ivory, or in braſs; hung her looks and *whole* attention upon a picture; was delighted now with muſicians, now with tragedians: as if an infant girl ſhe ſported under the nurſe, ſoon cloyed ſhe abandoned what *before* ſhe earneſtly deſired. What *is there that* pleaſes, or is odious, which you may not think mutable? This *effect* had happy times of peace and favourable gales *of fortune*.

At Rome it was long pleaſing and cuſtomary to be up early with open doors, to expound the laws to clients; to lay out money cautiouſly upon certainties; to hear the elders, and to tell the younger by what *means their* fortunes might increaſe, and pernicious luxury be diminiſhed. The inconſtant people have changed their mind, and glow with an univerſal ardour for writing: young men and grave fathers ſup crowned with leaves, and dictate poetry. I myſelf, who affirm that I write no verſes, am found more falſe than the Parthians; and, awake before the ſun *is* riſen, I call for my pen, and papers, and deſk. He that is ignorant of a ſhip is afraid to work a ſhip: none but who has learnt *the art*, dares adminiſter even ſouthernwood to the ſick: phyſicians undertake what belongs to phyſicians: mechanicks handle tools: but we, unlearned and learned, promiſcuouſly write poems.

Yet what advantages this error and this ſlight madneſs has, thus compute: the poet's mind is not eaſily covetous: being fond of verſes, he ſtudies this alone; he laughs at loſſes, flights of ſlaves, fires; he contrives no fraud againſt his partner, or his young ward; he lives on huſks and brown bread; tho' daſtardly and unfit for war, he is uſeful at home, if you allow this, that great things may derive aſſiſtance from ſmall ones. The poet faſhions the child's tender and liſping mouth: and turns his ear even at this time from obſcene language; afterwards alſo he forms his heart with friendly precepts, the corrector of his rudeneſs, and envy,

Recte facta refert; orientia tempora notis
Instruit exemplis; inopem solatur et ægrum.
Castis cum pueris ignara puella mariti
Disceret unde preces, vatem ni Musa dedisset?
Poscit opem chorus, et præsentia numina sentit;
Cœlestes implorat aquas docta prece blandus;
Avertit morbos, metuenda pericula pellit;
Impetrat et pacem, et locupletem frugibus annum.
Carmine di superi placantur, carmine Manes.

Agricolæ prisci, fortes, parvoque beati,
Condita post frumenta, levantes tempore festo
Corpus et ipsum animum spe, finis dura ferentem,
(a) Cum sociis operum, pueris et conjuge fida,
Tellurem porco, Silvanum lacte piabant,
Floribus et vino Genium memorem brevis ævi.
Fescennina per hunc (b) inventa licentia morem
Versibus alternis opprobria rustica fudit;
Libertasque recurrentes accepta per annos
Lusit amabiliter: donec jam sævus apertam
In rabiem verti cœpit jocus, et per honestas
Ire domos impune minax. doluere cruento
Dente lacessiti: fuit intactis quoque cura
Conditione super communi; quin etiam lex,
Pœnaque lata, malo quæ nollet carmine quemquam
Describi. vertere modum, formidine fustis
Ad bene dicendum delectandumque redacti.

Græcia capta ferum victorem cepit, et artes
Intulit agresti Latio. sic horridus ille
Defluxit numerus Saturnius, et grave virus
Munditiæ pepulere: sed in longum tamen ævum
Manserunt, hodieque manent, vestigia ruris.

(a) Cum sociis operum, et pueris. (b) Invecta licentia, *Bentl.*

Serus

and paſſion; he truly records events (or, records virtuous actions); he inſtructs the riſing age with approved examples; comforts the indigent and the ſick. Whence ſhould the *virgin, ſtranger to an huſband, with the chaſte boys, learn the ſolemn prayer, had not the Muſe given a poet? The chorus begs the divine aid, and finds the Gods propitious; ſweet in learned prayer they implore the waters of the heavens; avert diſeaſes, drive off impending dangers; obtain both peace, and years enriched with fruits. With ſong the Gods above are appeaſed, *with ſong* the Gods below.

Our antient ſwains, ſtout, and happy, with a little, after their grain was laid up, regaling with a feſtival ſeaſon their bodies, and even their minds, patient of hardſhips thro' the hope of their ending, with their ſlaves and faithful wife, the partners of their labours, atoned with a hog *the Goddeſs* Tellus, with milk Sylvanus, with flowers and wine the genius that reminds us of our ſhort life. Invented by this cuſtom the Feſcennine licentiouſneſs poured forth its ruſtic taunts in alternate verſes; and this liberty, received down through revolving years, ſported pleaſingly: till at length the bitter railery began to be turned into open rage, and, threatening with impunity, to ſtalk through reputable families. They that ſuffered from its bloody tooth ſmarted with the pain: they too that were unhurt, were concerned for the common condition *of all:* further alſo, a law and a penalty was enacted, which forbad that any one ſhould be ſtigmatized in lampoon. Thro' fear of the baſtinado, they were reduced to the neceſſity of changing their manner, and of praiſing and delighting.

Captive Greece took captive her fierce conqueror, and introduced her arts into rude Latium. Thus flowed off the rough Saturnian numbers, and delicacy expelled the rank virulence: but for a long time there remained, and at this day remain, *ſome* traces of ruſticity. For late the *Roman writer* applied his

* *Alluding to the ſolemn performance of the ſecular ode.*

Serus enim Græcis admovit acumina chartis;
Eſt poſt Punica bella quietus quærere cœpit,
Quod Sophocles et Theſpis et Æſchylus utile ferrent:
Tentavit quoque rem ſi digne vertere poſſet;
Et placuit ſibi, natura ſublimis, et acer:
Nam ſpirat tragicum ſatis, et feliciter audet:
(a) Sed turpem putat inſcite metuitque lituram.

Creditur, ex medio quia res arceſſit, habere
Sudoris minimum; ſed habet Comedia tanto
Plus oneris, quanto veniæ minus. aſpice Plautus
Quo pacto partes tutetur amantis ephebi,
Ut patris attenti, lenonis ut inſidioſi;
Quantus ſit Doſſennus edacibus in paraſitis;
Quam non aſtricto percurrat pulpita ſocco:
Geſtit enim nummum in loculos demittere; poſt hoc
Securus, cadat, an recto ſtet fabula talo.

Quem tulit ad ſcenam ventoſo gloria curru,
Exanimat lentus ſpectator, ſedulus inflat:
Sic leve, ſic parvum eſt, animum quod laudis avarum
Subruit ac reficit! valeat res ludicra ſi me
Palma negata macrum, donata reducit opimum.

Sæpe etiam audacem fugat hoc terretque poetam;
Quod numero plures, virtute et honore minores,
Indocti, ſtolidique, et depugnare parati
Si diſcordet eques, media inter carmina poſcunt
Aut urſum aut pugiles; (b) his nam plebecula gaudet.
(c) Verum equitis quoque jam migravit ab aure voluptas,
(d) Omnis, ad incertos oculos, et gaudia vana.
Quatuor aut plures aulæa premuntur in horas;
Dum fugiunt equitum turmæ, peditumque catervæ:
Mox trahitur manibus regum fortuna retortis;
Eſſeda feſtinant, pilenta, petorrita, naves;
Captivum portatur ebur, captivá Corinthus.
Si foret in terris, rideret Democritus; ſeu
Diverſum confuſa genus panthera camelo,

(a) Sed turpem putat in ſcriptis. (b) His nam plebecula plaudit.
(c) Verum equiti quoque, *Bentl.* (d) Omnis ad ingratos oculos, *Bentl.* inceſtos, *Cunn.*

Sive

genius to the Grecian pages; and enjoying reſt after the Punic wars, began to ſearch what uſeful matter Sophocles, and Theſpis, and Æſchylus afforded: he tried too if he could with dignity tranſlate their works; and pleaſed himſelf *in the event, being* by nature *of a genius* ſublime and ſtrong: for he breathes a ſpirit tragic enough, and dares ſucceſsfully: but injudiciouſly fears a blot, and thinks it diſgraceful in his writings.

Comedy is believed to require the leaſt pains, becauſe it fetches its ſubject from common life; but the leſs indulgence it meets with, ſo much the more labour it requires. See in what manner Plautus ſupports the character of a lover under age, how that of a covetous father, how that of a cheating pimp; how Dorſennus exceeds all meaſure in his voracious paraſites; with how looſe *and careleſs* a ſock he runs over the ſtage: for he is glad to put the money in his pocket, after this, regardleſs whether his play ſtand or fall.

Him, whom Glory in her airy car has brought upon the ſtage, the careleſs ſpectator diſpirits, the attentive puffs up: ſo light, ſo ſmall a matter it is, which overturns or raiſes a mind *that is* covetous of praiſe! Adieu the ludicrous buſineſs *of dramatic writing*, if applauſe denied brings me back meagre, beſtowed *makes me* full of fleſh and ſpirits.

This often too drives away and deters *even* an adventurous poet; that they who are in number more, in worth and rank inferior, unlearned, and fooliſh, and, if the equeſtrian order diſſents, ready to fall to blows, in the midſt of the play call for either a bear or boxers; for in theſe the mob delight. Nay, even all the pleaſure of our knights now is transferred from the ear to the uncertain eyes and their vain amuſements. The curtains are kept down for four hours or more, while troops of horſe, and companies of foot flee o'er the ſtage: next is dragged forward the fortune of kings with their hands bound behind them; chariots, litters, carriages, ſhips hurry on; captive ivory, captive Corinth is born along. Democritus, if he were on earth, would laugh; whether a panther, confuſed

Sive elephas albus vulgi converteret ora.
Spectaret populum ludis attentius ipsis,
Ut sibi præbentem mimo spectacula plura:
Scriptores autem narrare putaret asello
Fabellam surdo. nam quæ pervincere voces
Evaluere sonum, referunt quem nostra theatra?
Garganum mugire putes nemus, aut mare Tuscum;
Tanto cum strepitu ludi spectantur, et artes,
Divitiæque peregrinæ! quibus oblitus actor
Cum stetit in scena, concurrit dextera lævæ.
Dixit adhuc aliquid? Nil sane. Quid placet ergo?
Lana Tarentino violas imitata veneno.

Ac ne forte putes, me, quæ facere ipse recusem,
Cum recte tractent alii, laudare maligne:
Ille per extentum funem mihi posse videtur
Ire poeta; meum qui pectus inaniter angit,
Irritat, mulcet, falsis terroribus implet,
Ut magus; et modo me Thebis, modo ponit Athenis.

Verum age, et his, qui se lectori credere malunt,
Quam spectatoris fastidia ferre superbi,
(a) Curam impende brevem; si munus Apolline dignum
Vis complere libris; et vatibus addere calcar,
Ut studio majore petant Helicona virentem.

Multa quidem nobis facimus mala sæpe poetæ,
(Ut vineta egomet cædam mea) cum tibi librum
Solicito damus, aut fesso: cum lædimur, unum
Si quis amicorum est ausus reprendere versum:
Cum loca jam recitata revolvimus irrevocati:
Cum lamentamur non apparere labores
Nostros, et tenui deducta poemata filo:
Cum speramus eo rem venturam, ut, simul atque

(a) Curam redde brevem.

Carmina

with the different ſpecies of the camel, or whether a white elephant attracted the eyes of the crowd. He would view the people more attentively than the ſports themſelves, as affording him more ſtrange ſights than the actor: and for the writers, he would think they told their ſtory to a deaf aſs. For what voices are able to overbear the din which our theatres reſound with? You would think the grove of Garganus, or the Tuſcan ſea, was roaring; with ſo great noiſe are viewed the ſhews, and contrivances, and foreign riches! with which the actor being daub'd o'er, as ſoon as he appears upon the ſtage, *each* right hand encounters with the left. Has he ſaid any thing yet? Nothing at all. What then pleaſes *the people ſo much?* The cloth reſembling *the colour of* violets, with the dye of Tarentum.

And that you may not think I enviouſly praiſe thoſe kinds of writing which I decline undertaking, though others execute them well: that poet to me ſeems able to walk upon an * extended rope; who with his fictions, grieves my ſoul, enrages, ſoothes, fills it with falſe terrors, as an inchanter; and ſets me now in Thebes, now in Athens.

But give a little attention to thoſe too who had rather truſt themſelves with a reader, than bear the diſdain of an haughty ſpectator; if you would fill with books the *library you have erected, which is an* offering worthy of Apollo; and add an incentive to the poets, that with greater eagerneſs they may apply to verdant Helicon.

We poets, 'tis true, (that I may prune my own vineyards) often do ourſelves a great many miſchiefs, when we preſent a work to you while *you are* thoughtful, or fatigued: when we are pained if any friend has dared to find fault with one line: when, unaſked, we read over again paſſages already repeated: when we lament that our labours do not appear, and our poems ſpun out in a fine thread: when we hope that the thing will come to this, that as ſoon as you are

* *Gives a deſperate proof of his ſkill.*

Carmina reſcieris nos fingere, commodus ultro
Arceſſas, et egere vetes, et ſcribere cogas.
Sed tamen eſt operæ precium cognoſcere, quales
Ædituos habeat belli ſpectata domique
Virtus, indigno non committenda poetæ.
Gratus Alexandro regi Magno fuit ille
Chœrilus, incultis qui verſibus et male natis
Rettulit acceptos, regale numiſma, Philippos.
Sed veluti tractata notam labemque remittunt
Atramenta, fere ſcriptores carmine fædo
Splendida facta linunt. idem rex ille, poema
Qui tam ridiculum tam care prodigus emit
Edicto vetuit, ne quis ſe, præter Apellem,
Pingeret, aut alius (*a*) Lyſippo duceret æra
Fortis Alexandri vultum ſimulantia. quod ſi
Judicium ſubtile videndis artibus illud
Ad libros et ad hæc Muſarum dona vocares,
Bœotum in craſſo jurares aëre natum.
At neque dedecorant tua de ſe judicia, atque
Munera, quæ multa dantis cum laude tulerunt,
Dilecti tibi Virgilius Variuſque poetæ;
Nec magis expreſſi vultus per ahenea ſigna,
Quam per vatis opus mores animique virorum
Clarorum apparent. nec ſermones ego mallem
Repentes per humum, quam res componere geſtas,
Terrarumque ſitus, et flumina dicere, et arces
Montibus impoſitas, et barbara regna, tuiſque
Auſpiciis totum confecta duella per orbem,
Clauſtraque cuſtodem pacis cohibentia Janum,
Et formidatam Parthis, te principe, Romam;
Si quantum cuperem, poſſem quoque. ſed neque parvum

(*a*) Lyſippo cuderet æra, *Lamb.*

apprized that we are penning verſes, you will kindly of yourſelf ſend for us, and ſecure us from want, and oblige us to write. But yet 'tis worth the while to know, who ſhall be the * prieſts of your virtue ſignalized in war and at home, which is not to be truſted to an unworthy poet. A favourite with king Alexander the Great was that Chœrilus, who to his uncouth and ill-formed verſes owed the many pieces he received of † Philip's royal coin. But as ink when touched leaves behind it a mark and a blot, ſo writers in a manner ſtain ſhining actions by foul poetry. That ſame king, who prodigally bought ſo dear, ſo ridiculous a poem, by an edict forbad that any one beſides Apelles ſhould paint him, or that any other than Lyſippus ſhould mould braſs for the likeneſs of the valiant Alexander. But ſhould you call that faculty of his, ſo delicate in diſcerning other arts, to *judge of* books and *of* theſe gifts of the Muſes; you would ſwear he had been born in the groſs air of the Boeotians. But neither do Virgil and Varius, your beloved poets, diſgrace your judgment of them, and the preſents, which they have received with great honour to the donor; nor do the features of illuſtrious men appear more lively expreſſed by ſtatues of braſs, than their manners and minds expreſſed by the work of a poets. Nor would I rather compoſe ſuch tracts as theſe creeping on the ground, than record deeds of arms, and the ſituations of countries, and rivers, and forts reared upon mountains, and barbarous kingdoms, and wars brought to a concluſion thro' the whole world under your auſpices, and the barriers that confine Janus the guardian of peace, and Rome dreaded by the Parthians, under your government; if I were alſo able to do as much

* Ædituos.] *Since the time when* Auguſtus *had received divine honours, our poet looked upon his actions as things ſacred. His virtue is now become a Goddeſs, and hath a temple conſecrated to her, and poets are the guardians and prieſts of its myſteries. Such is the meaning of* ædituos, *and this the ſuperlative ſtate of flattery in the golden age of* Roman *literature!*

† *Pieces of gold with* Philip's *head upon them, thence called* Philippi.

Carmen majeſtas recipit tua; nec meus audet
Rem tentare pudor, quam vires ferre recuſent.
Sedulitas autem ſtulte, quem diligit, urget;
Præcipue cum ſe numeris commendat et arte.
Diſcit enim citius, meminitque libentius illud
Quod quis deridet, quam quod probat et veneratur.
Nil moror officium, quod me gravat: ac neque ficto
In pejus vultu proponi cereus uſquam,
Nec prave factis decorari verſibus opto:
Ne rubeam pingui donatus munere, et una
Cum ſcriptore meo, capſa porrectus aperta,
Deferar in vicum vendentem thus et odores,
Et piper, et quidquid (a) chartis amicitur ineptis.

EPISTOLA II.

AD JULIUM FLORUM.

Excuſando ſe, quod nihil ad illum ſcripſerit, melius eſſe declarat vitam quam verſus componere.

FLORE, bono claroque fidelis amice Neroni,
Si quis forte velit puerum tibi vendere natum
Tibure vel Gabiis, et tecum ſic agat: Hic et
Candidus, et talos a vertice pulcher ad imos,
Fiet eritque tuus nummorum millibus octo;
Verna miniſteriis ad nutus aptus heriles;
Literulis Græcis imbutus, idoneus arti
Cuilibet: argilla (b) quidvis imitaberis uda:
Quin etiam canet indoctum, ſed dulce bibenti.

(a) Chartis amicitur inemptis.

(b) Quidvis imitabitur.

Multa

as I could wish. But neither does your majesty admi
of groveling poetry; nor dares my modesty attempt
subject which my strength is unable to support. Bu
officiousness foolishly disgusts the person whom it loves
especially when it recommends itself by numbers and
the art *of writing*. For one learns sooner, and more
willingly remembers, that which a man derides, than
that which he approves and venerates. I value not
the zeal that gives me uneasiness: nor do I wish to be
set out any where in wax, with a face formed for the
worse, nor to be celebrated in ill-composed poetry:
lest I blush when presented with the gross gift, and,
exposed in an open box, along with my author, be
conveyed into the street that sells frankincense and
spices, and pepper, and whatever is wrapped up in
impertinent writings.

EPISTLE II.

To JULIUS FLORUS.

In apologizing for not having written to him, he shews, That the well-ordering of life is of more importance than the composition of verses

FLORUS, thou faithful friend to the good and illustrious Nero, if by chance any one should offer to sell you a boy born at Tibur or Gabii, and should treat with you in this manner: "This *boy who* "*is* both good-natured, and well-favoured from head "to foot, shall become and be yours for *eight thou- "sand sesterces; a domestic slave ready in his attend- "ance at his master's nod; initiated in the Greek "language, of a capacity for any art: you may shape "out any thing with *such* moist clay: besides, he "will sing in an artless manner, but yet entertaining,

* *About fifty pounds.*

Multa fidem promiſſa levant, ubi plenius æquo
Laudat venales, qui vult extrudere, merces.
Res urget me nulla: meo ſum pauper in ære.
Nemo hoc mangonum faceret tibi: non temere a me
Quivis ferret idem. ſemel hic ceſſavit; et (ut fit)
In ſcalis latuit metuens pendentis habenæ.
Des nummos, excepta nihil te ſi fuga lædit.
Ille ferat precium, poenæ ſecurus, opinor.
Prudens emiſti vicioſum: dicta tibi eſt lex.
Inſequeris tamen hunc, et lite moraris iniqua.

Dixi me pigrum proficiſcenti tibi, dixi
Talibus officiis prope mancum: ne mea ſævus
Jurgares ad te quod epiſtola nulla veniret.
Quid tum profeci, mecum facientia jura
Si tamen attentas? quereris ſuper hoc etiam, quod
Exſpectata tibi non mittam carmina mendax.

Luculli miles collecta viatica multis
Ærumnis, laſſus dum noctu ſtertit, ad aſſem
Perdiderat: poſt hoc vehemens lupus, et ſibi et hoſti
Iratus pariter, jejunis dentibus acer,
Præſidium regale loco dejecit, ut aiunt,
Summe munito, et multarum divite rerum.
Clarus ob id factum, donis ornatur honeſtis,
Accipit et bis dena ſuper ſeſtertia nummum.
Forte ſub hoc tempus, caſtellum evertere prætor
Neſcio quod cupiens, hortari cœpit eundem
Verbis, quæ timido quoque poſſent addere mentem

" o'er a glaſs of wine. Laviſh promiſes leſſen credit, " when any one cries up extravagantly the wares he " has for ſale, which he wants to put off. No emer- " gency obliges me *to diſpoſe* of him: *tho'* poor, I " am in nobody's debt. None of the chapmen would " do this for you: nor ſhou'd every body readily re- " ceive the ſame *a favour* from me. Once *indeed* he " loiter'd *on an errand*; and (as it *generally* happens) " abſconded, being afraid of the laſh that hangs in " the * ſtair-caſe. Give me your money, if this run- " away trick, which I have excepted, does not offend " you." In my opinion, the man may take his price, *and be* ſecure from any *legal* puniſhment: you wit- tingly purchaſed a good-for-nothing *boy*: the condi- tion of the contract was told you. Nevertheleſs you proſecute this man, and detain him in an unjuſt ſuit.

I told you, at your ſetting out, that I was indolent; I told you I was in a manner incapable of ſuch offices: that you might not chide me in angry mood, on ac- count that no letter *from me* came to hand. What then have I profited, if you notwithſtanding arraign the *very* conditions that make for me? On the ſame ſcore too you complain, that *I am* worſe than my word, *and* do not ſend you the verſes you expected.

A ſoldier of Lucullus's having run thro' a great many hardſhips, was robbed of his ſtock to a penny, as he lay ſnoring in the night quite fatigued: after this, *like* a ravenous wolf, equally exaſperated at him- ſelf and the enemy, eager with his hungry fangs, he beat off a royal guard from a poſt, as they report, very ſtrongly fortify'd, and well ſupplied with *military* ſtores. Made famous for this exploit, he is crown'd with honourable rewards, and receives twenty thou- ſand ſeſterces into the bargain. It happened about this time, that his officer, being inclined to batter down a certain fort, began to encourage the ſame ſoldier, with words that might even have given cou- rage to a coward: " Go, my brave fellow, whither

* *The whip was hung on the ſtair-caſe to be always before the eyes of the ſlaves, that they might ſee the conſequence of offending.*

" your

I bone, quo virtus tua te vocat; i pede fausto,
Grandia laturus meritorum præmia. quid stas?
Post hæc ille catus, quantumvis rusticus: Ibit,
Ibit eo, quo vis, qui zonam perdidit, inquit.

Romæ nutriri mihi contigit atque doceri
Iratus Graiis quantum nocuisset Achilles.
Adjecere bonæ paulo plus artis Athenæ:
Scilicet ut possem curvo dignoscere rectum,
Atque inter silvas Academi quærere verum.
Dura sed emovere loco me tempora grato;
Civilisque rudem belli tulit æstus in arma,
Cæsaris Augusti non responsura lacertis.
Unde simul primum me dimisere Philippi,
Decisis humilem pennis, inopemque paterni
Et laris et fundi, paupertas impulit audax
Ut versus facerem: sed, quod non desit, habentem,
Quæ poterunt unquam, satis expurgare cicutæ,
Ni melius dormire putem, quam scribere versus?

Singula de nobis anni prædantur euntes;
Eripuere jocos, venerem, convivia, ludum;
Tendunt extorquere poemata. quid faciam vis?

Denique non omnes eadem mirantur amantque.
Carmine tu gaudes: hic delectatur iambis;
Ille Bioneis sermonibus, et sale nigro.
Tres mihi convivæ prope dissentire videntur,
Poscentes vario multum diversa palato.
Quid dem? quid non dem? (a) renuis quod tu, jubet alter:
Quod petis, id sane est invisum acidumque duobus.

Præter cætera, me Romæne poemata censes
Scribere posse, inter tot curas totque labores?

(a) Renuis tu, quod.

" your valour calls you: go, with profperous hep, in " order to receive the ample rewards of your merit: " Why do you hefitate?" Upon this he archly, tho' a *mere* ruftic: He who has loft his purfe may march to whatever *attack* you pleafe, fays he.

It was my lot to be educated at Rome, and to be inftructed *from the Iliad* how much the exafperated Achilles prejudiced *the cauſe of* the Greeks. Ingenuous Athens gave me ſome additional learning: that is to ſay, to be able to diſtinguiſh a right line from a curve, and ſeek after truth in the groves of * Academus. But the troubleſome times removed me from that pleaſant ſpot; and the tide of a civil war carried me away, unexperienced *as I was*, into arms, *into arms* not likely to be a match for the fnews of Auguſtus Cæſar: From whence, as ſoon as *the battle of* Philippi diſmiſſed me, in an abject condition with my wings clipt, and deſtitute both of houſe and land, daring poverty urged me on to the compoſition of verſes: but, now having more than is wanted, what medicines would be efficacious enough to cure my madneſs, if I did not think it better to reſt, than to write verſes?

The advancing years rob us of every thing; they have taken away my mirth, my gallantry, my revellings, and play; they now are proceeding to force poetry from me. What would you have me do?

In ſhort, all perſons do not love and admire the ſame things. You delight in the ode: he is pleaſed with iambicks; another with ſatires written in the manner of Bion, and virulent wit. Three gueſts ſcarcely can be found to agree *in taſte*, craving very different diſhes with various palate. What ſhall I give? What ſhall I not give? You forbid what another inſiſts on: what you deſire, that truly is ſour and diſguſtful to the *other* two.

Beſides other *difficulties*, do you think it practicable for me to write poems at Rome, amidſt ſo many ſoli-

* *A wealthy* Athenian, *who left to the philoſophers a fine houſe at* Athens, *adorned with a magnificent gallery, a number of ſtatues, and books, with a beautiful large park planted with trees.*

citudes,

Hic ſponſum vocat, hic auditum ſcripta relictis
Omnibus officiis: cubat hic in colle Quirini,
Hic extremo in Aventino; viſendus uterque.
Intervalla vides humane commoda. Verum
Puræ ſunt plateæ, nihil ut meditantibus obſtet.
Feſtinat calidus mulis gerulisque redemptor:
Torquet nunc lapidem, nunc ingens machina tignum:
Triſtia robuſtis luctantur funera plauſtris:
Hac rabioſa fugit canis, hac lutulenta ruit ſus.
I nunc, et verſus tecum meditare canoros.
Scriptorum chorus omnis amat nemus, et fugit urbes,
Rite cliens Bacchi ſomno gaudentis et umbra.
Tu me inter ſtrepitus nocturnos atque diurnos
Vis canere, et (a) cunctata ſequi veſtigia vatum?
(b) Ingenium, ſibi quod vacuas deſumſit Athenas,
Et ſtudiis annos ſeptem dedit, inſenuitque
Libris et curis, ſtatua taciturnius exit
Plerumque, et riſu populum quatit: hic ego rerum
Fluctibus in mediis, et tempeſtatibus Urbis,
Verba lyræ motura ſonum connectere digner?

(c) Frater erat Romæ conſulti rhetor; ut alter
Alterius ſermone meros audiret honores:
Gracchus ut hic illi foret, (d) hic ut Mucius illi.
(e) Qui minus argutos vexat furor iſte poetas?
Carmina compono, hic elegos; mirabile viſu,
(f) Cælatumque novem Muſis opus. aſpice primum,
Quanto cum faſtu, quanto molimine circum-
Spectemus vacuam Romanis vatibus ædem.
Mox etiam (ſi forte vacas) ſequere, et procul audi,

(a) Contracta——cinctuta.
Non tacta ſequi veſtigia, *Bentl.*
cunctata, *Cunn.*
(b) Ingenium ſibi qui vacuas deſumſit Athenas
Ut ſtudiis annos ſeptem dedit, *Cunn.*
(c) Pactus erat Romæ conſulto rhetor. *Bentl.*
(d) Huic ut Mucius ille, *Lamb.*
(e) Qui minus argutos verſat, *Bentl.*
(f) Sacratumque novem Muſis, *Bentl.*

Quid

eitudes, and ſo many fatigues? One calls me as his ſecurity, another to hear his works, all buſineſs elſe apart; one lives on the mount of Quirinus; the other in the extremity of the Aventine; *yet* both muſt be waited on. The diſtances between them, you ſee, *are* charmingly * commodious. "But the ſtreets are "clear, ſo that there can be no obſtacle to the thought-"ful."——A builder in heat hurries along with his mules and porters: the machine whirls along at one time a ſtone, at another a great piece of timber: the diſmal funerals diſpute the *way* with the unwieldly carriages: here runs a mad dog, there ruſhes a ſow begrimed with mire.——Go now, and meditate with yourſelf your harmonious verſes. All the whole choir of poets love the grove, and avoid cities, due votaries to Bacchus delighting in repoſe and ſhade. Wou'd you have me, amidſt ſo great noiſe both by night and day, *attempt* to ſing, and trace the difficult footſteps of the poets?——A genius who has choſe out the quiet Athens *for his reſidence*, and has devoted ſeven years to ſtudy, and has grown old in books and ſtudy, frequently walks forth more dumb than a ſtatue, and ſhakes the people's ſides with laughter: *but* here in the midſt of the billows and tempeſts of the city, can I be thought capable to connect words fit to wake the ſound of the lyre?

At Rome there was a rhetorician, brother to a lawyer; *ſo fond of each other were they* that they wou'd hear nothing but the mere praiſes of each other: inſomuch that the latter appeared a Gracchus to the former, the former a Mucius to the latter. Why ſhou'd this frenzy affect the obſtreperous poets in a leſs degree? I write odes, another elegies; a work wonderful to behold, and burniſh'd by the nine Muſes. Obſerve firſt, with what a faſtidious air, with what importance we ſurvey the temple *of Apollo* vacant for the Roman poets. In the next place you may follow (if you are at leiſure) and liſten what each produces,

* *Ironically—for theſe two mounts were at the northern and ſouthern extremes of* Rome.

and

Quid ferat, et quare ſibi nectat uterque coronam.
Cædimur, et totidem plagis conſumimus hoſtem,
Lento Samnites ad lumina prima duello.
Diſcedo Alcæus puncto illius; ille meo quis?
Quis, niſi Callimachus? ſi plus adpoſcere viſus;
Fit Mimnermus, et optivo cognomine creſcit.
Multa fero, ut placem genus irritabile vatum,
Cum ſcribo; et ſupplex populi ſuffragia capto:
Idem, finitis ſtudiis, et mente recepta,
Obturem patulas impune legentibus aures.

Ridentur mala qui componunt carmina: verum
Gaudent ſcribentes, et ſe venerantur, et ultro,
Si taceas, laudant; quidquid ſcripſere, beati.
At qui legitimum cupiet feciſſe poema,
Cum tabulis animum cenſoris ſumet honeſti:
Audebit quæcunque parum ſplendoris habebunt,
Et ſine pondere erunt, et honore indigna ferentur,
Verba movere loco; quamvis invita recedant,
Et verſentur adhuc intra penetralia Veſtæ:
Obſcurata diu populo bonus eruet, atque
Proferet in lucem ſpecioſa vocabula rerum,
Quæ priſcis memorata Catonibus atque Cethegis,
Nunc ſitus informis premit et deſerta vetuſtas:
Adſciſcet nova, quæ genitor produxerit uſus:
Vehemens, et liquidus, puroque ſimillimus amni,
Fundet opes, Latiumque beabit divite lingua;
Luxuriantia compeſcet: nimis aſpera ſano
Levabit cultu: virtute carentia tollet:

Ludentis

and wherefore each weaves for himself the laurel crown. Like * Samnite gladiators in slow duel, till candle-light, we are beaten and waste out the enemy with equal blows. I come off Alcæus, in his suffrage; he in mine, who? *Why* who, but Callimachus? *Or*, if he seems to make a greater demand; he becomes Mimnermus, and grows in fame by the chosen appellation. Much do I endure, in order to pacify this passionate race of poets, when I am writing; and submissive court the applause of the people: *but* having finished my studies and recover'd my senses, I the same man can now boldly stop my open ears against reciters.

Those who make bad verses are laughed at: but they are pleased in writing, and reverence themselves, and, if you are silent, they fall to praising of their own accord; happy, whatever be their performance. But he who desires to execute a genuine poem, will with his papers assume the spirit of an honest critick: whatever words shall have but little clearness and elegance, or shall be without weight, and be held unworthy of estimation, he will dare to displace; tho' they may recede with reluctance, and still remain in the sanctuary of † Vesta: those that have been long hid from the people he kindly will drag forth, and bring to light those expressive denominations of things, that were used by the Catoes and Cethegus's of ancient times, *tho'* now deformed dust and neglected age rest upon them: he'll adopt new words, which use, the parent of language, shall produce: forcible, and perspicuous, and bearing the utmost similitude to a limpid stream, he'll pour out his treasures, and enrich Latium with a comprehensive language: the luxuriant he'll lop: the too harsh he'll polish with a sensible cultivation: those void of expression he'll discard: he'll exhibit the appearance of one at play; and will be,

* *The* Samnite *gladiators used to fight with foils for the entertainment of the guests at supper time.*

† *The* Penetralia Vestæ *were only to be enter'd by the high priest; in allusion to which* Horace *humourously makes the poet's closet his* sanctum sanctorum.

Ludentis ſpeciem dabit; et torquebitur, ut qui
Nunc Satyrum, nunc agreſtem Cyclopa movetur.

Prætulerim ſcriptor delirus, inerſque videri,
Dum mea delectent mala me, vel denique fallant,
Quam ſapere, et ringi. (a) fuit haud ignobilis Argus,
Qui ſe credebat miros audire tragœdos,
In vacuo lætus ſeſſor plauſorque theatro:
Cætera qui vitæ ſervaret munia recto
More; bonus ſane vicinus, amabilis hoſpes,
Comis in uxorem, poſſet qui ignoſcere ſervis,
Et ſigno læſo non inſanire lagenæ:
Poſſet qui rupem, et puteum vitare patentem.
Hic ubi cognatorum opibus curiſque refectus,
Expulit elleboro morbum bilemque meraco,
Et redit ad ſeſe: Pol me occidiſtis, amici,
Non ſervaſtis, ait; cui ſic extorta voluptas,
Et demtus per vim mentis gratiſſimus error.

Nimirum ſapere eſt abjectis utile nugis,
Et tempeſtivum pueris concedere ludum;
Ac non verba ſequi fidibus modulanda Latinis,
Sed veræ numeroſque modoſque ediſcere vitæ.
Quocirca mecum loquor hæc, tacituſque recordor:
Si tibi nulla ſitim finiret copia lymphæ,
Narrares medicis. quod quanto plura paraſti,
Tanto plura cupis, nulline faterier audes?
Si vulnus tibi monſtrata radice vel herba
Non fieret levius; fugeres radice vel herba
Proficiente nihil curarier. audieras, cui
Rem Di donarent, illi decedere pravam
Stultitiam; et cum ſis nihilo ſapientior ex quo
Plenior es, tamen uteris monitoribus iſdem?
At ſi divitiæ prudentem reddere poſſent,

(a) Fuit haud ignobilis Argis.

in his invention, on the rack, like *a dancer on the ſtage*, who one while reflects the motions of a Satyr, at another of a clumſy Cyclops.

I had rather be eſteem'd a fooliſh and dull writer, while my follies pleaſe myſelf, or at leaſt eſcape my notice, than be wiſe, and ſmart for it. There lived at Argos a man of no inconſiderable rank, who imagined that he was hearing *ſome* admirable tragedians, a joyful ſitter and applauder in an empty theatre: who *nevertheleſs* cou'd ſupport the other duties of life in a juſt manner; a truly honeſt neighbour, amiable for his hoſpitality, kind towards his wife, one who cou'd pardon his ſlaves *for a ſmall fault*, nor wou'd rave at the breaking of a bottle-ſeal: one, who *had ſenſe enough* to avoid a precipice, or an open well. This man being cured at the expence, and by the care of his relations, when he had voided by the means of pure hellebore the diſorder and melancholy humour, and return'd to himſelf: by heav'ns, my friends, ſaid he, you have deſtroy'd, not ſav'd me; to rob me thus of my pleaſure, and take from me by force ſuch a moſt agreeable deluſion of mind.

In a word, it is of the firſt conſequence to be wiſe in the rejection of trifles, and leave *childiſh* play to boys for whom it is in ſeaſon; and not to ſcan words to be ſet to muſic for the Roman harps, but *rather* to be perfectly an adept in the numbers and proportions of real life. Thus therefore I commune with myſelf, and ponder theſe things in ſilence: "If no quantity "of water wou'd put an end to your thirſt, you wou'd "tell it to your phyſicians. And is there none to "whom you dare confeſs, that the more you get, the "more you crave? If you had a wound, which was "not relieved by a plant or root preſcribed to you; "you would refuſe being doctor'd with a root or plant "that did no good. You had heard that vicious folly "left the man, on whom the Gods confer'd wealth; "and tho' you are nothing wiſer, ſince you were "richer, will you nevertheleſs uſe the ſame monitors, "as before? But if riches could *in fact* make you wiſe, "if they cou'd make you leſs covetous and mean-"ſpirited;

Si cupidum timidumque minute, nempe rubere.
Viveret in terris te si quis avarior uno.

Si proprium eſt, quod quis (a) libra mercatus et ære eſt,
Quædam (ſi credis conſultis) mancipat uſus:
Qui te paſcit ager, tuus eſt; et villicus Orbi,
Cum ſegetes ocsat (b) tibi mox frumenta daturas,
Te dominum ſentit. das nummos; accipis uvam,
Pullos, ova, cadum temeti: nempe modo iſto
Paulatim mercaris agrum, fortaſſe trecentis,
Aut etiam ſupra, nummorum millibus emtum.
Quid refert, vivas numerato nuper, an olim?
Emtor Aricini quondam, Veientis et arvi,
Emtum cœnat olus, quamvis aliter putat; emtis.
Sub noctem gelidam lignis calefactat ahenum.
Sed vocat uſque ſuum, qua populus adſita certis,
Limitibus (c) vicina refugit jurgia: tanquam
Sit proprium quidquam, puncto quod mobilia horæ,
Nunc prece, nunc pretio, nunc vi, (d) nunc morte ſuprema
Permutet dominos, et cedat in altera jura.
Sic, quia perpetuus nulli datur uſus, et heres
(e) Heredem alterius, velut unda ſupervenit undam;
Quid vici prosunt, aut horrea? quidve Calabris
Saltibus adjecti Lucani; ſi metit Orcus
Grandia cum parvis, non exorabilis auro?

Gemmas, marmor, ebur, Tyrrhena ſigilla, tabellas,
Argentum, veſtes Gætulo murice tinctas,
Sunt qui non habeant; eſt qui non curat habere.
Cur alter fratrum ceſſare, et ludere, et ungi

(a) Libra mercatur et æra.
(b) Tibi mox frumenta daturus.
(c) Vicina refugit jurgia.
(d) Nunc ſorte ſuprema.
(e) Heredem alterius, *Bentl.*

Præſent-

"ſpirited, *you well might bluſh, if there lived on "earth one more avaritious than yourſelf."

If that be any man's property, which he has bought by the pound and penny, *and* there be ſome things to which (if you give credit to the lawyers) poſſeſſion gives a claim: *then* the field, that feeds you, is your own; and Orbius's ſteward, when he harrows the arable land, whereof he is ſoon to give you the fruits, finds you are *in effect* the proper maſter. You give your money; *upon which* you receive grapes, pullets, eggs, a hogſhead of ſtrong wine: certainly in this manner you by little and little purchaſe that farm, for which, perhaps, the owner paid three hundred thouſand ſeſterces, or more. What does it ſignify whether you live on what was paid for t'other day, or a long while ago? He who purchaſed the Aricinian and Veientian fields ſome time ſince, ſups on bought vegetables, however he thinks otherwiſe; *nay*, he boils his pot with bought wood at the approach of every chill evening. But he calls all that his own, as far as where the planted poplar prevents quarrels amongſt neighbours by a determinate limitation: as if any thing were a man's property, which in a moment of the fleeting hour, now by ſolicitations, now ſale, by violence at another time, and now by the ſupreme lot *of all men*, may change maſters, and come into another's juriſdiction. Thus, ſince the perpetual poſſeſſion is given to none, and one man's heir urges on another's, as wave impels wave; of what importance are houſes or granaries? Or what the Lucanian paſture joined to the Calabrian; if death, inexorable to a bribe, mows down the grand together with the ſmall.

Gems, marble, ivory, Tuſcan ſtatues, pictures, ſilver plate, robes died with Getulian purple, there are who cannot acquire; and there are others, who are not ſolicitous of having. Of two brothers, why one prefers lounging, play, and perfume, *even* to

* *If wiſdom and goodneſs were the conſequence of great poſſeſſions, covetouſneſs won'd then be a virtue.*

Herod'-

Præferat Herodis palmetis pinguibus; alter
Divés et importunus, ad umbram lucis ab ortu
Silveſtrem flammis et ferro mitiget agrum;
Scit Genius, natale comes qui temperat aſtrum,
Naturæ deus humanæ, mortalis in unum-
Quodque caput, vultu mutabilis, albus, et ater.

Utar, et ex modico, quantum res poſcet acervo
Tollam: nec metuam, quid de me judicet heres,
Quod non plura datis invenerit. et tamen idem
Scire volam, quantum ſimplex hilariſque nepoti
Diſcrepet, et quantum diſcordet parcus avaro.
Diſtat enim, ſpargas tua prodigus, an neque ſumtum
Invitus facias, neque plura parare labores;
Ac potius, puer ut feſtis Quinquatribus olim,
Exiguo gratoque fruaris tempore raptim.

(a) Pauperies immunda procul pocul abſit. ego, utrum
Nave ferar magna an parva; ferar unus et idem.
Non agimur tumidis velis Aquilone ſecundo:
Non tamen adverſis ætatem ducimus Auſtris.
Viribus, ingenio, ſpecie, virtute, loco, re,
Extremi primorum, extremis uſque priores.

Non es avarus: abi. quid? cætera jam ſimul iſto
Cum vitio fugere? caret tibi pectus inani
Ambitione? caret mortis formidine et ira?
Somnia, terrores magicos, miracula, ſagas,
Nocturnos lemures, portentaque Theſſala rides?
Natales grate numeras? ignoſcis amicis?

(a) Pauperies immunda domus procul.

Lenior

* Herod's rich palm-tree groves; why the other, rich and uneasy, from the rising of the light to the evening shade subdues his woodland with fire and steel: *our* attendant genius *best* knows, who governs the planet of our nativity, the divinity *that presides* over human nature, who dies with each individual, of various complexion, white and black.

I'll *freely* use, and take out from my moderate stock, as much as my exigence demands: nor will I be under any apprehensions of what opinion my heir shall be concerning me, when he shall find I *have left him* no more than I had given me. And yet I, the same man, shall be inclined to know how far an open and chearful person differs from a debauchee, and how greatly the œconomist differs from the miser. For there is a *great* distinction, whether you throw away your money in a prodigal manner, or make an entertainment without grudging, nor toil to accumulate more; or rather, as formerly in † Minerva's holidays, when a school-boy, you enjoy by starts the short and pleasant vacation.

Let sordid poverty be far, very far away. I, whether carried in a large or small vessel; let me be born uniform and the same. I am not *indeed* wasted with swelling sail before the north wind blowing fair: however I do not bear my course of life against the adverse south. In force, genius, figure, virtue, station, estate, the last of the first-rate, *yet* still before those of the last.

You are not covetous, *you say:* — Go to. — What then? Have the rest of your vices fled from you together with this? Is your breast free from vain ambition? Is it void of the seat of death, and free from anger? Can you laugh at dreams, magic terrors, wonders, witches, nocturnal goblins, and Thessalian prodigies? Do you number your birth-days with a grateful mind? Are you forgiving to your friends?

* Judea *was famous for its woods of palms, from whence* Herod *derived a vast revenue.*

† *This festival was celebrated from the* 19*th to the* 23*d of* March.

Lenior et melior fis accedente ſenecta?
(a) Quid te exemta juvat ſpinis de pluribus una?
Vivere ſi recte neſcis, decede peritis.
Luſiſti ſatis, edifti ſatis, atque bibiſti:
Tempus abire tibi eſt: ne potum largius æquo
Rideat et pulſet (b) laſciva decentius ætas.

(a) Quid te exemta levat. *Bentl.*
(b) Laſciva licentius ætas.

Do you grow milder and better as old age approaches? What profits you only one thorn eradicated out of many? If you do not know how to live in a right manner, make way for thoſe that do. You have play'd enough, eat and drank enough: 'tis time for you to walk off: leſt, having drank too plentifully, that age, which plays the wanton with more propriety, ſhould ridicule and beat you off *the ſtage*.

Q. HORATII FLACCI

DE ARTE POETICA

LIBER.

Ad PISONES.

HUMANO capiti cervicem pictor equinam
Jungere si velit, et (*a*) varias inducere plumas,
Undique collatis (*b*) membris, ut turpiter atrum
Desinat

(*a*) Varias inducere pennas.
(*b*) Membris; aut turpiter atrum. *Sanad.*

* Horace, *in this celebrated didactic poem, is greatly obliged to* Aristotle's *art of poetry, which, however, he has improved upon, notwithstanding* Scaliger *calls it an art written without art.* *Mr.* Pope *thinks this want of method a beauty:*

Horace still charms with graceful negligence,
And without method talks us into sense;

Will

HORACE's BOOK

UPON THE

*ART OF POETRY.

To the †PISOES.

IF a painter ſhould form a deſign of uniting a horſe's neck to a human head, and ſpread a variety of plumage over limbs *of different animals* taken from every part *of nature*, ſo that what is a beautiful

Will like a friend familiarly convey
The trueſt notions in the eaſieſt way.

Mr. Hurd, *in his commentary, endeavours to point out a method, that is actually obſerved.* "*The ſubject of this piece being, as I ſuppoſe,* one, "*viz. the ſtate of the* Roman *drama, and common ſenſe requiring,* "*even in the freeſt forms of compoſition, ſome kind of* method, *the in-* "*telligent reader will not be ſurprized to find the poet proſecuting his* "*ſubject in a regular well-ordered* plan."

† Piſo *the father and his two ſons, ſome of the moſt illuſtrious perſonages in* Rome, *eminent for learning themſelves, and great encouragers of it in others.*

Definat in piſcem mulier formoſa ſuperne;
Spectatum admiſſi riſum teneatis amici?
Credite, Piſones, iſti tabulæ fore librum
Perſimilem, cujus, velut ægri ſomnia, vanæ
Fingentur ſpecies: ut nec pes, nec caput uni
Reddatur formæ. Pictoribus atque poetis
Quidlibet audendi ſemper fuit æqua poteſtas.
Scimus, et hanc veniam petimuſque damuſque viciſſim;
Sed non ut placidis coeant immitia; non ut
Serpentes avibus geminentur, tigribus agni.

Incœptis gravibus plerumque et magna profeſſis,
Purpureus, late qui ſplendeat, unus et alter
Aſſuitur pannus; cum lucus, et ara Dianæ,
Et properantis aquæ per amœnos ambitus agros,
Aut flumen Rhenum, aut pluvius deſcribitur arcus.
Sed nunc non erat his locus: et fortaſſe cupreſſum
Scis ſimulare: quid hoc, ſi fractis enatat exſpes
Navibus, ære dato qui pingitur? amphora cœpit
Inſtitui: currente rota, cur urceus exit?
(a) Denique ſit quidvis ſimplex duntaxat et unum.

Maxima pars vatum, pater, et juvenes patre digni,
Decipimur ſpecie recti. brevis eſſe laboro,
Obſcurus fio: (b) ſectantem lenia, nervi
Deficiunt animique: profeſſus grandia, turget:
Serpit humi, tutus nimium, timiduſque procellæ:

Qui

(a) Denique ſit quod vis. (b) Sectantem lævia.

* *Boughs of cypreſs were carried in funeral proceſſions, and placed before the houſes of the great upon particular occaſions of ſorrow,* Et non plebeios luctus teſtata cupreſſus, LUCAN. *A painter might by ſe-*

queſt

woman in the upper parts, terminate unſightly in an ugly fiſh below; cou'd you, my friends, refrain from laughter, were you admitted to ſuch a ſight? Believe me, ye Piſoes, the book will be perfectly like ſuch a picture, the ideas of which, in the manner of a ſick man's dreams, are all vain and fictitious: ſo that neither head nor foot can be reduced to *any* uniformity. *But* poets and painters *(you'd ſay)* have ever had an equal authority of attempting any thing. We are conſcious of this, and this privilege we demand and allow reciprocally: but not to ſuch a degree that the tame ſhould aſſociate with the ſavage; nor that ſerpents ſhould be coupled with birds, lambs with tygers.

In pompous introductions, and ſuch as promiſe a great deal, it generally happens, that one or two verſes of purple patchwork, that may make a great ſhew, are tagg'd *to the work*; and when the grove, and the altar of Diana, and the meandring of a current haſtening through pleaſant fields, or the river Rhine, or the rainbow is deſcribed. But *here* there was no room for theſe *fine things*: perhaps too you know how to draw a *cypreſs: but, what is that to the purpoſe, if he who is *to be* painted for the given price is *to be repreſented as* ſwimming hopeleſs out of a ſhipwreck? †A *large* ciſtern at firſt was deſign'd: why as the wheel revolves, turns out a little pitcher? In a word, be your ſubject what it will, let it be merely ſimple and uniform.

A great majority of us poets, father, and youths worthy ſuch a father, are miſled by the appearance of right. I labour to be conciſe, *and ſo* I become obſcure: nerves and ſpirit *are apt to* fail him that aims at the eaſy: one that pretends to be ſublime, proves bombaſtical: he that is too cautious and fearful of the ſtorm, crawls along the ground: he who wants to vary

quent practice excel in drawing a tree, for which there was ſuch a demand, and he therefore abſurdly determines to ſhew his ſkill upon all occaſions, even by painting it in the ocean. FRANCIS.

† *A metaphor taken from the abſurd conduct of a bad potter, who aims at making a magnificent vaſe, but is only able to finiſh a little paltry pitcher.*

Qui variare cupit rem prodigialiter unam,
Delphinum ſilvis appingit, fluctibus aprum.
In vitium ducit culpæ fuga, ſi caret arte.

Æmilium circa ludum (*a*) faber, unus et ungues
Exprimet, et molles imitabitur ære capillos;
Infelix operis ſumma, quia ponere totum
Neſciet. hunc ego me, ſi quid componere curem,
Non magis eſſe velim, quam naſo vivere pravo,
Spectandum nigris oculis, nigroque capillo.

Sumite materiam veſtris, qui ſcribitis, æquam
Viribus; et verſate diu, quid ferre recuſent,
Quid valeant humeri. cui lecta potenter erit res,
Nec facundia deſeret hunc, nec lucidus ordo.

Ordinis hæc virtus erit, et venus, aut ego fallor,
Ut jam nunc dicat jam nunc debentia dici,
Pleraque differat, et præſens in tempus omittat;
Hoc amet, hoc ſpernat promiſſi carminis auctor.

(*b*) In verbis etiam tenuis cautuſque ſerendis;
Dixeris egregie, notum ſi callida verbum
Reddiderit junctura novum. ſi forte neceſſe eſt
Indiciis monſtrare recentibus abdita rerum;
Fingere cinctutis non exaudita Cethegis
Continget:

(*a*) Faber imus et ungues.
(*b*) In verbis etiam tenuis cautuſque ſerendis
Hoc amet, hoc ſpernat promiſſi carminis auctor. *Bentl.*

* Lambinus *interprets* potentur κατα δυναμιν, *which (as Mr.* Hurd *obſerves) gives a pertinent ſenſe, without juſtifying the expreſſion. In truth I believe there is no adverb in the* Latin *tongue uſed in ſuch a manner. I therefore render it* judiciouſly *or* ably. *The learned editor*

his ſubject in a marvellous manner, paints the dolphin for the woods, the boar in the ſea. The avoiding of an error leads to a fault, if ſkill be wanting.

A ſtatuary about the Æmilian ſchool, of himſelf ſhall both expreſs the nails, and ſhall imitate in braſs the flexible hair; unhappy yet in the main, becauſe he knows not how to finiſh a complete piece. I would no more chuſe to be ſuch a hand as this, had I a mind to compoſe any thing, than to live with a hideous noſe, *tho'* remarkable for *the fineſt* black eyes and jetty hair.

Ye who write, make choice of a ſubject ſuitable to your abilities; and revolve in your thoughts a conſiderable time, what your ſtrength declines, and what it is able to ſupport. Neither elegance of ſtyle, nor a perſpicuous diſpoſition ſhall deſert the man, by whom the ſubject matter is choſen *judiciouſly.

This, or I am miſtaken, will conſtitute the merit and beauty of *a juſt* diſpoſition, that the author of the projected poem juſt now ſay what ought juſt now to be ſaid, *have the addreſs* to put off moſt of his thoughts, and wave them for the preſent; to embrace one, and reject another.

† In the choice of his words too he muſt be delicate and cautious; you will expreſs yourſelf eminently well, if a dextrous compoſition *(or combination)* ſhould give an air of novelty to a common word. If it happen to be neceſſary to explain ſome abſtruſe ſubjects by new-invented terms; it will follow that you muſt frame *words* never heard of by the old-faſhion'd

of Statius *reads* pudentur, *which Mr.* Hurd *ſeems to approve, and cites this paſſage in the epiſtle to* Auguſtus:

——— nec meus audet
Rem tantare *pudor*, quam vires ferre recuſant.

† Hoc amet, hoc ſpernat, promiſſi carminis auctor.
In verbis etiam tenuis cautuſque ſerendis.

Dr. Bentley *has inverted the order of theſe two lines, in which he is followed by* Sanadon, *and has likewiſe the approbation of Mr.* Francis. *— But I join Mr.* Hurd, *who thinks this an alteration not only without ſufficient reaſon, but prejudicial to the ſcope and tenour of the poet's meaning. As for the conſtruction (ſays Mr.* Hurd*) the commoneſt reader can find himſelf at no loſs to defend it againſt the force of the doctor's cjections.*

Continget: dabiturque licentia sumta pudenter:
(a) Et nova factaque nuper habebunt verba fidem; si
Græco fonte cadent, parce detorta. quid autem
Cæcilio Plautoque dabit Romanus, ademtum
Virgilio Varioque? ego cur, acquirere pauca
Si possum, invideor; cum lingua Catonis et Enni
Sermonem patrium ditaverit, et nova rerum
Nomina protulerit? licuit, semperque licebit
Signatum præsente nota (b) producere nomen.
(c) Ut silvæ foliis pronos mutantur in annos;
Prima cadunt: ita verborum vetus interit ætas,
Et juvenum ritu florent modo nata, vigentque.
Debemur morti nos nostraque: sive receptus
Terra Neptunus classes Aquilonibus arcet,
Regis opus; (d) steriliſque diu palus, aptaque remis
Vicinas urbes alit, et grave sentit aratrum:
Seu cursum mutavit iniquum frugibus amnis,
Doctus iter melius. ( ) mortalia facta peribunt:
Nedum sermonum stet honos, et gratia vivax.
Multa renascentur, quæ jam cecidere; cadentque,
Quæ nunc sunt in honore vocabula, si volet usus;
Quem penes arbitrium est, et jus, et norma loquendi.

Res gestæ regumque ducumque, et tristia bella
Quo scribi possent numero monstravit Homerus.

Versibus

(a) Et nova fictaque nuper.
(b) Producere nomen.
Procudere nummum. *Luis.*
(c) Ut folia in silvis.
Ut silvis folia privos mutantur, *Bentl.*
(d) Steril.sque palus prius, *Bentl.*
dudum, *Cunn.*
(e) Mortalia cuncta, *Bentl.*

* Cethegus; *a name of several old* Romans, *one of which was so famous an orator, that he was stiled by* Ennius, suadæ medulla, *the quintessence of persuasion. There is a singular beauty and propriety in using the old word* cinctutis *in this place.*

† *The* Julian *port began by* Julius, *but finished by* Augustus, *who cut off that neck of land which divided the lake* Lucrinus *and the lake* Avernus *from the sea.*

‡ *There is a peculiar propriety (says the ingenious Mr.* Hurd) *in this enumeration of the several kinds of poetry, as addressed to the dramatick*

*Cethegi: and *such* a licence will be granted, if modestly used: and new and lately formed words will have *more* authority; if they descend from a Greek source, with a slight deviation. But why should the Romans grant to Plautus and Cæcilius a privilege denied to Virgil and Varius? Why should I be envied, if I have it in my power to acquire a few words; when the language of Cato and Ennius have enriched our native tongue, and produced new appellatives? It has been, and ever will be, allowable to coin a word mark'd with the stamp in present request. As leaves in the woods are changed with the fleeting years; the earliest fall off first: in this manner words perish with old age, and those lately invented flourish and thrive, like men in the days of their youth. We, and all our works, are doom'd to death: † whether Neptune, admitted into the continent, defends *our* fleets from the north winds, a work of royal *magnificence*; or the lake for a long time unfertile and fit for oars, now maintains its neighbouring cities, and feels the heavy plough: or the river taught to run in a more convenient channel, has chang'd its course, which was so destructive to the fruits. The works of mortal men must perish: much less can the honour and elegance of language be long-lived. Many words shall revive, which now have fallen off, and many which are now in esteem, shall fall off; if it be the will of custom; in whose power is the decision, the right, and standard of language.

‡ Homer has instructed us in what measure the atchievments of kings, and chiefs, and direful war might be written *with propriety*.

matick writer. He is not only to study, for the purposes here explained, the characteristick differences of either species of the drama. He must farther be knowing in the other kinds of poetry, so as to be able, as the nature of his work will demand, to adopt the genius of each, in its turn, and to transfer the graces of universal poetry into the drama. Thus to follow the division here laid down, there will sometimes be occasion for the pomp and high colouring of epic narratives; sometimes for the plaintive softness, and passionate connexion of the elegy: and the chorus, if characterized in the ancient manner, must catch the fiery enraptur'd spirit of the ode.

Verſibus impariter junctis querimonia primum :
Poſt etiam incluſa eſt voti ſententia compos.
Quis tamen exiguos elegos emiſerit auctor,
Grammatici certant, et adhuc ſub judice lis eſt.

Archilochum proprio rabies armavit iambo.
Hunc ſocci cepere pedem grandeſque cothurni,
Alternis aptum ſermonibus, et populares
Vincentem ſtrepitus, et natum rebus agendis.

Muſa dedit fidibus Divos, pueroſque Deorum,
Et pugilem victorem, et equum certamine primum,
Et juvenum curas, et libera vina referre.

Deſcriptas ſervare vices operumque colores,
Cur ego, ſi nequeo ignoroque, poeta ſalutor ?
Cur neſcire, pudens prave, quam diſcere malo ?

Verſibus exponi tragicis res comica non vult :
Indignatur item privatis ac prope ſocco
Dignis carminibus narrari cœna Thyeſtæ.
Singula quæque locum teneant (*a*) ſortita decentem.
Interdum tamen et vocem comœdia tollit,
Iratuſque Chremes tumido delitigat ore :
Et tragicus plerumque dolet ſermone pedeſtri.
Telephus et Peleus ; cum pauper et exſul uterque,
Projicit ampullas et ſeſquipedalia verba,
Si curat cor ſpectantis tetigiſſe querela.

(*b*) Non ſatis eſt pulchra eſſe poemata ; dulcia ſunto,
Et quocunque volent, animum auditoris agunto.
Ut ridentibus arrident, (*c*) ita flentibus adſunt
Humani vultus. ſi vis me flere, dolendum eſt

(*a*) Sortita decenter (*b*) Nec ſatis eſt pura eſſe.
(*c*) Ita flentibus adflent. *Faber.*

Plaintive ſtrains originally were appropriated to the unequal numbers *of the elegiac:* afterwards *love and* ſucceſsful deſires were included. Yet what author firſt publiſhed humble elegy, the criticks diſpute, and the controverſy ſtill waits the determination of the judge.

Rage armed Archilochus with the iambick of his own *invention. The ſock and the majeſtick buſkin aſſumed this meaſure as adapted for dialogue, and to ſilence the noiſe of the populace, and *beſt* calculated for *the* action *of the ſtage*

To celebrate Gods, and the ſons of Gods, and the victorious wreſtler, and the ſteed foremoſt in the race, and the inclinations of youths, and the free *joys of* wine, the Muſe has allotted to the lyre.

If I am incapable and unſkilful to obſerve the diſtinctions *here* deſcribed, and the *different* complexions of works *of genius*, why am I accoſted by the name of poet? Why, out of falſe modeſty, do I rather choſe to be ignorant than to learn?

A comic ſubject will not be handled in tragic verſe: in like manner the banquet of Thyeſtes will not bear to be TOLD in familiar verſes, and ſuch as almoſt ſuit with the ſock. Let each peculiar ſpecies *of writing* fill with decorum its proper place. Nevertheleſs ſometimes ev'n comedy exalts her voice, and Chremes in a paſſion rails in a tumid ſtrain: and a tragic writer generally expreſſes grief in a proſaic ſtile. Telephus, and Peleus; when they are both in poverty and exile, throw aſide their rants and gigantic expreſſions, if they have a mind to move the heart of the ſpectator with their complaint.

It is not enough that poems be beautiful; let them be tender and affecting, and bear away the ſoul of the auditor whereſoever they pleaſe. As the human countenance ſmiles on thoſe that ſmile, ſo does it *ſympathiſe* with thoſe that weep. If you wou'd have

* *Or,* the iambic meaſure moſt ſuitable for rage: *for ſometimes it is named after* Alcman, *the oldeſt of the* Greek *lyric writers,* v. d. Serv. de cent. metris. *By leading with a ſhort foot it is ſuited to the impetuoſity of anger; and at the ſame time (with the trochaic) approaching the neareſt to proſe, is the fitteſt for recital.*

me

Primum ipſi tibi ; tunc tua me infortunia lædent
Telephe, vel Peleu : male ſi mandata loqueris,
Aut dormitabo, aut ridebo. Triſtia mœſtum
Vultum verba decent ; iratum, plena minarum ;
Ludentem, laſciva ; ſeverum, ſeria dictu.
Format enim natura prius nos intus ad omnem
Fortunarum habitum ; juvat, aut impellit ad iram ;
Aut ad humum mœrore gravi deducit, et angit :
Poſt effert animi motus interprete lingua.
Si dicentis erunt fortunis abſona dicta
Romani tollent (a) equites peditesque cachinnum.
Intererit multum, (b) Divuſne loquatur, an heros ;
Maturuſne ſenex, an adhuc florente juventa
Fervidus ; et matrona potens, an ſedula nutrix ;
Mercatorne vagus, cultorne virentis agelli ;
Colchus, an Aſſyrius ; Thebis nutritus, an Argis.

Aut famam ſequere, aut ſibi convenientia finge
(c) Scriptor. honoratum ſi forte reponis Achillem ;
Impiger, iracundus, inexorabilis, acer,
Jura neget ſibi nata, nihil non arroget armis.
Sit Medea ferox invictaque, flebilis Ino,
Perfidus Ixion, Io vaga, triſtis Oreſtes.

Si quid inexpertum ſcenæ committis, et audes
Perſonam formare novam ; ſervetur ad imum
Qualis ab incœpto proceſſerit, et ſibi conſtet.
Difficile eſt proprie communia dicere : tuque

(a) Equitesque patresque cachinnum. *Bentl.*
(b) Davuſne loquatur, heruſne ;
(c) Scriptor. Homereum ſi forte. *Bentl.*
Scripta ; inhonoratum ſi. *Cruqu.*

Rectius

me weep, you muſt firſt expreſs the paſſion of grief yourſelf; then Telephus, or Peleus, your misfortunes *really* hurt me: *but* if you pronounce the parts aſſign'd you ill, I ſhall either fall aſleep or laugh.

Pathetic accents ſuit a melancholy countenance; words full of menaces *require* an angry *aſpect*; wanton expreſſions, a ſportive look; and ſerious matter, an auſtere one. For nature forms us firſt within to every modification of fortune; ſhe prompts or impels us to anger; or depreſſes us to the earth, and afflicts us with inſupportable ſorrow: then expreſſes thoſe emotions of the mind by the tongue its interpreter. If the words be diſcordant to the ſtation of the ſpeaker, the Roman * knights and plebians will raiſe an immoderate laugh. *For* it will make a wide difference, whether it be Davus that ſpeaks, or an hero; a man well-ſtricken in years, or a hot young fellow in his bloom; and a matron of diſtinction, or an officious nurſe; a roaming merchant, or the cultivator of a verdant incloſure; a Colchian, or an Aſſyrian; one educated at Thebes, or one at Argos.

You that write, either follow tradition, or invent ſuch fables as are congruous to themſelves If you have to repreſent the renowned Achilles; let him be indefatigable, wrathful, inexorable, courageous, let him deny that the laws were made for him, let him arrogate every thing to force of arms. Let Medea be fierce and untractable, Ino an object of pity, Ixion perfidious, Io wandering, Oreſtes in circumſtances of diſtreſs.

If you offer to the ſtage any thing unattempted, and venture to form a new character; let it be preſerved to the laſt ſuch as it ſat out at the beginning, † and be conſiſtent with itſelf. It is difficult to write with propriety on ſubjects to which all writers have a ‡ common claim; and you with more prudence *will*

* Viz. *Perſons of all ranks.*

† *Mr.* Hurd *propoſes to read this verſe in the following manner,* Qualis ab incepto proceſſerit AUT ſibi conſtet; *and runs into ſome ingenious refinements, to prove the ſpecific difference betwee* UNIFORMITY *and* CONSISTENCY.

‡ *Subjects unhandled by any body, and therefore common for all.*

reduce

Rectius Iliacum carmen deducis in actus,
Quam si proferres ignota indictaque primus.
Publica materies privati juris erit, si
Non circa vilem patulumque moraberis orbem;
Nec verbum verbo curabis reddere fidus
Interpres; nec desilies imitator in arctum,
(a) Unde pedem proferre pudor vetet, aut operis lex.

Nec sic incipies, ut (b) scriptor cyclicus olim:
Fortunam Priami cantabo, et nobile bellum.
Quid dignum tanto feret hic promissor hiatu?
(c) Parturiunt montes, nascetur ridiculus mus.
Quanto rectius hic, qui nil molitur inepte:
Dic mihi, Musa, virum, (d) *captæ post tempora Trojæ,*
Qui mores hominum multorum vidit, et urbes.
Non fumum ex fulgore, sed ex fumo dare lucem
Cogitat, ut speciosa dehinc miracula promat;
Antiphaten, Scyllamque, et cum Cyclope Charybdim.
Nec reditum Diomedis ab interitu Meleagri,
Nec gemino bellum Trojanum orditur ab ovo:
Semper ad eventum festinat; et in medias res,
Non secus ac notas, auditorem rapit: et quæ
Desperat tractata nitescere posse relinquit:
Atque ita mentitur, sic veris falsa remiscet,
Primo ne medium, medio ne discrepet imum.

Tu, quid ego et populus mecum desideret, audi,
(e) Si plausoris eges aulæa manentis, et usque

(a) Unde pedem referre. *Cunn.* (b) Scriptor cyclius.
(c) Parturient montes. (d) Captæ post mœnia Trojæ.
(e) Si fautoris eges. *Bentl.*

Sessuri,

reduce the Iliad into *five* acts, than be the firſt to introduce arguments unknown and never treated on before. A public ſtory will become your own property, if you do not dwell upon the whole circle of events, which is paltry, and open to every one; nor muſt you be ſo faithful a tranſlator as to take the pains of rendering *your author* word for word; nor by *cloſely* imitating throw yourſelf into ſuch ſtreights, from whence either ſhame, or the rules of your work, may forbid you to retreat.

Nor muſt you make ſuch an exordium as the itinerant * ſcribbler of old: "I will ſing the fate of Priam "and the noble war." What will this boaſter produce worthy of all this gaping? The mountains are in labour: *and* a ridiculous mouſe ſhall be brought forth. How much more to the purpoſe he, who ſets about nothing improperly? "Sing for me, my Muſe, "the man, who, after the time of the deſtruction of 'Troy, ſurvey'd the manners of many men, and "ſtates." He meditates not to *produce* ſmoak from a flaſh, but out of ſmoke to elicit fire, that from thence he may bring forth his inſtances of the marvellous with *ſtriking* beauty, *ſuch* as Antiphates, Scylla, Cyclops, and Charybdis. Nor does he, † *like a certain poet*, date Diomede's return from Meleager's death, nor trace the riſe of the Trojan war from *Leda*'s eggs: he always haſtens to the event; and hurries away his reader into the midſt of intereſting circumſtances, no otherwiſe than if they were *already* known: and what he deſpairs of as to receiving any poliſh from his touch he omits: and in ſuch a manner forms his fictions, ſo intermingles the falſe and true, that the middle is not inconſiſtent with the beginning, nor the end with the middle.

Pleaſe to attend to what I, and the public in my opinion, expect from you *as a dramatic writer*. If you are deſirous of an applauding ſpectator, who will

* Cyclicus, *from* κυκλικος, circulator, circumforaneus, *a vagabond bard that ſung verſes of his own compoſition in the ſtreets.*

† *Some abſurd poet, a cotemporary with* Horace, *not certainly known.*

wait

Seſſuri, donec cantor, Vos plaudite, dicat;
Ætatis cujuſque notandi ſunt tibi mores,
(a) Mobilibuſque decor naturis dandus, et annis.
Reddere qui voces jam ſcit puer, et pede certo
Signat humum; geſtit paribus colludere; et iram
Colligit ac ponit temere, et mutatur in horas.
Imberbus juvenis, tandem cuſtode remoto,
Gaudet equis, canibuſque, et aprici gramine campi;
Cereus in vitium flecti, monitoribus aſper,
Utilium tardus proviſor, prodigus æris,
Sublimis, cupiduſque, et amata relinquere pernix.
Converſis ſtudiis, ætas animuſque virilis
Quærit opes et amicitias, inſervit honori;
Commiſiſſe cavet quod mox mutare laboret.
Multa ſenem circumveniunt incommoda: vel quod
Quærit, et inventis miſer abſtinet, ac timet uti;
Vel quod res omnes timide gelideque miniſtrat,
Dilator, (b) ſpe longus, iners, aviduſque futuri;
Difficilis, querulus, laudator temporis acti
Se puero, caſtigator cenſorque minorum.
Multa ferunt anni venientes commoda ſecum,
Multa recedentes adimunt. ne forte ſeniles
Mandentur juveni partes, pueroque viriles;
Semper in adjunctis, ævoque morabimur aptis.

Aut agitur res in ſcenis, aut acta refertur.
Segnius irritant animos demiſſa per aurem,

(a) Mobilibuſque decor, maturis dandus et annis. *Bentl.*
(b) Spe lenta, iners, paviduſque futuri. *Bentl.*

Quam

wait for the falling of the curtain, and till the * chorus calls out "your plaudit;" the manners of every age must be *strongly* marked by you, and a proper decorum assigned to men's varying dispositions, and years. The boy, who is just able to pronounce his words, and prints the ground with a firm tread; delights to play with his fellows, and contracts and lays aside anger without reason, and is subject to change every hour. The beardless youth, his guardian being at length discharged, joys in horses, and dogs, and the verdure of the sunny Campus Martius; pliable as wax to be inclined to vice, rough to advisers, a slow provider of things really useful, prodigal of his money, high-spirited, and amorous, and hasty in deserting the objects of his passion. *After this*, our inclinations being changed, the age and spirit of manhood seeks after wealth, and friendly connections, is subservient to points of honour; and is cautious of committing any action it wou'd afterwards be industrious to correct. Many inconveniences encompass a man in years; either because he seeks *eagerly after gain*, and abstains from what he has got, and is afraid to make use of it; or because he transacts every thing in a timorous and faint manner, dilatory, slow in hope, remiss, and fearful of futurity; peevish, querulous, a panegyrist of former times when he was a boy, a chastiser and censurer of his juniors. Our † advancing years bring many advantages along with them, many our declining ones take away. That the parts *therefore* belonging to age may not be given to a youth, and those of a man to a boy; we must dwell *particularly* on those qualities, which are joined and adapted to each person's age.

An action is either represented on the stage, or being done elsewhere, is there related. The things that enter by the ear affect the mind more languidly

* *'Till the chorus says,* Vos valete et plaudite; *ye auditors, farewell, and applaud. The concise and constant epilogue to the* Roman *comedies.*

† *From childhood to the meridian of manhood, or prime of life, our years may be said to advance, and after that to recede or decline.*

than

Quam quæ ſunt oculis ſubjecta fidelibus, et quæ
Ipſe ſibi tradit ſpectator. non tamen intus
Digna geri, promes in ſcenam: multaque tolles
Ex oculis, quæ mox narret facundia præſens.
(a) Nec pueros coram populo Medea trucidet;
Aut humana palam coquat exta nefarius Atreus;
Aut in avem Progne vertatur, Cadmus in anguem.
Quodcunque oſtendis mihi ſic, incredulus odi.

Neve minor, neu ſit quinto productior actu
Fabula quæ poſci vult, et ſpectata reponi.
Nec Deus interſit, niſi dignus vindice nodus
Inciderit: nec quarta loqui perſona laboret.

(b) Actoris partes chorus, officiumque virile
Defendat: neu quid medios intercinat actus,
Quod non propoſito conducat, et hæreat apte.
Ille bonis faveatque et (c) conſilietur amice,
Et regat iratos, et (d) amet pacare tumentes:
Ille dapes laudet menſæ brevis, ille ſalubrem
Juſtitiam, legeſque, et apertis otia portis:
Ille tegat commiſſa, Deoſque precetur et oret,
Ut redeat miſeris, abeat fortuna ſuperbis.
Tibia non, ut nunc, (e) orichalco vincta, tubæque
Æmula; ſed tenuis, ſimplexque foramine pauco
Aſpirare, et adeſſe choris erat utilis, atque
Nondum ſpiſſa nimis complere ſedilia flatu:
Quo ſane populus numerabilis, utpote parvus,
Et frugi, caſtuſque, verecunduſque coibat.
Poſtquam cœpit agros extendere victor, et urbem
(f) Latior amplecti murus, vinoque diurno
Placari Genius feſtis impune diebus;
Acceſſit numeriſque modiſque licentia major.

(a) Ne pueros coram. (b) Auctoris partes. (c) Conſilietur amicus.
(d) Amet peccare timentes. (e) Orichalco juncta.
(f) Laxior amplecti murus, *Cent.*

Indoctus

than such as are submitted to the faithful eyes, and which a spectator presents to himself. You must not, however, bring upon the stage such things as are fit only to be acted behind the scenes: and you must take away from *public* view many actions, which elegant description may soon after deliver in presence *of the spectators*. Let not Medea murder her sons before the people; or the execrable Atreus openly dress *a banquet of* human viscera; nor let Progne be metamorphosed into a bird, *or* Cadmus into a serpent. Whatever you show to me in this manner, not able to give credit to, I detest.

Let a play that wou'd be enquired after, and, though seen, wou'd be presented anew, neither be shorter nor longer than the fifth act. Nor let a God interfere, unless a difficulty worthy a God's unraveling should happen: nor let a fourth person be officious to speak.

Let the chorus *defend and* support the part, and manly character of an actor: nor let them sing any thing between the acts which is not conducive to, and fitly coherent with the main design. Let them both patronize the good, and give them friendly advice, and regulate the passionate, and be fond to appease the proud: let them praise the *temperate* repast of a short meal, *set forth* the salutary effects of justice, laws, and peace with her open gates: let them conceal what is told to them in confidence, and supplicate and implore the Gods, that prosperity may return to the wretched, and abandon the haughty. The flute *originally*, not, as now, begirt with brass, and emulous of the trumpet; but slender and of simple form, with few stops, was of service to accompany and assist the chorus, and with its tone was sufficient to fill the rows, that were not as yet too crouded: whither an audience easily number'd as being small, and sober, chaste, and modest, came together. But when the victorious Romans began to extend their territories, and an ampler wall encompassed the city, and their geniusses were indulged on festivals by drinking of wine in the day-time without censure; a greater freedom

Indoctus quid enim ſaperet liberque laborum
Ruſticus urbano confuſus, turpis honeſto?
Sic priſcæ motumque et luxuriem addidit arti
Tibicen, traxitque vagus per pulpita veſtem:
Sic etiam fidibus voces crevere ſeveris,
Et tulit eloquium inſolitum facundia præceps:
Utiliumque ſagax rerum, et divina futuri,
Sortilegis non diſcrepuit ſententia Delphis.

Carmine qui tragico vilem certavit ob hircum,
Mox etiam agreſtes Satyros nudavit, et aſper
Incolumi gravitate jocum tentavit: eo quod
Illecebris erat et grata novitate morandus
Spectator, functuſque ſacris, et potus, et exlex.
Verum ita riſores, ita commendare dicaces
Conveniet Satyros, ita vertere ſeria ludo;
Ne, quicunque Deus, quicunque adhibebitur heros
Regali conſpectus in auro nuper et oſtro,
Migret in obſcuras humili ſermone tabernas;
Aut, dum vitat humum, nubes et inania captet.
Effutire leves indigna tragœdia verſus,
Ut feſtis matrona moveri juſſa diebus,
Intererit Satyris paulum pudibunda protervis.
Non ego inornata, et dominantia nomina ſolum
Verbaque, Piſones, Satyrorum ſcriptor amabo:
Nec

* *Strutting, &c. alluding to their ſhifting ſides in ſinging the ſtrophe, antiſtrophe, &c.*

† *Tragedy (ſays the learned and judicious Mr.* Rymer) *was with the antients a piece of religious worſhip, a part of their liturgy. The prieſts ſung an anthem to their God* Dionyſus, *whilſt the goat ſtood at his altar to be ſacrificed: and this was called τραγωδια, the goat-ſong, or tragedy. I wou'd therefore read in* Horace, vilem certavit AD hircum, *as* rhetor dicturus AD aras. *The prieſts were called the chorus. Theſpes at length introduced the epiſodes. — Theſe the prieſts liked not, and*

dom acceded both to the numbers *of poetry*, and the measures *of muſick*. For what taſte cou'd an unletter'd clown, and one juſt diſmiſſed from the plough have, when in company with the polite, the baſe with the men of honour? Thus the muſician added new movements and a luxuriance to *the ſimplicity of* the antient art, and * ſtrutting backwards and forwards drew a length of train over the ſtage: thus likewiſe new notes were added to the ſeverity of the lyre, and precipitate eloquence produced an unuſual language *in the theatre:* and the good ſenſe *of the chorus, then* expert in teaching uſeful things, and preſcient of futurity, differ'd hardly from the oracular Delphi.

The poet who firſt tried his ſkill in † tragic verſe for the paltry *prize of* a goat, ſoon after expoſed to view wild ſatires naked, and attempted raillery with ſeverity, ſtill preſerving the gravity *of tragedy:* on account that the ſpectator, on feſtivals, when riotous and heated with wine, was to be amuſed with captivating ſhows and agreeable novelty. But it will be expedient ſo to recommend the bantering, the rallying ſatires, in ſuch a manner to turn earneſt into jeſt; that none who ſhall be exhibited as a God, none who is introduced as an hero lately conſpicuous in regal purple and gold, may deviate into the lowly ſtyle of obſcure, mechanical ſhops; or, *on the reverſe*, while he avoids the ground, affect cloudy miſts, and empty jargon. *Sublime* tragedy diſdaining to prate in trivial verſes, like a *grave* matron ‡ commanded to dance on *the grand* feſtival, will aſſume an air of modeſty, *even* in the midſt of petulant (or *wanton*) ſatires. As a writer of ſatire, ye Piſoes, I ſhall *never* be fond of unornamented words, and ſuch terms as reign amongſt

and in a paſſion roared out, "'Tis *nothing to* Dionyſus, *nothing to* "Dionyſus:" *whence the proverb,* ουδεν προς Διονυσον, απρος Διονυσον. See Rymer's excellent letter to Shepherd. *The names of tragedy and comedy, which were repreſentations of antient life,* (τραγωδια, κωμωδια) *undoubtedly prove that they were originally* ſung, *when acted, and no repeated, as they are now. Vide* Eſſay on Homer, ſect. 3. p. 39.

‡ *Young women were uſually choſen to dance in honour of the Gods; but in ſome feſtivals, as that of the great Goddeſs, the pontiffs obliged married women to dance; from whence the poet ſays* juſſa. DACIER.

Nec ſic enitar tragico differre colori,
Ut nihil interſit, Davuſne loquatur, et audax
Pythias, emuncto lucrata Simone talentum;
An cuſtos famuluſque Dei Silenus alumni.
Ex noto fictum carmen ſequar, ut ſibi quivis
Speret idem; ſudet multum, fruſtraque laboret
Auſus idem. tantum ſeries juncturaque pollet:
Tantum de medio ſumtis accedit honoris.
Silvis deducti caveant, me judice, Fauni,
Nec velut innati triviis, ac pene forenſes,
Aut nimium teneris juvenentur verſibus unquam,
Aut immunda crepent, ignominioſaque dicta.
Offenduntur enim, quibus eſt equus, et pater, et res:
Nec, ſi quid fricti ciceris probat et nucis emtor,
Æquis accipiunt animis, donantve corona.

Syllaba longa brevi ſubjecta, vocatur iambus,
Pes citus: unde etiam trimetris (a) accreſcere juſſit
Nomen iambeis, cum ſenos redderet ictus,
Primus ad extremum ſimilis ſibi, non ita pridem,
Tardior ut paulo graviorque veniret ad aures,
Spondeos ſtabiles in jura paterna recepit
Commodus et patiens; non ut de ſede ſecunda
Cederet aut quarta ſocialiter. hic et in Acci
Nobilibus trimetris apparet rarus, et Enni.

(a) Adcreſcere jus ſit. *Dukin.*

the vulgar: nor ſhall I labour to differ ſo widely from the complexion of tragedy, as to make no diſtinction, whether * Davus be the ſpeaker, and the bold Pythias who gain'd a talent by gulling of Simo; or the *grave* Silenus, the guardian and attendant of the pupil God *Bacchus*. I wou'd ſo execute a fiction taken from a well-known ſtory, that any body might entertain hopes of doing the ſame thing; but, on the experiment, ſhou'd ſweat and labour in vain. Such power has a juſt arrangement and connection of the parts: ſuch grace may be added to ſubjects merely common. In my judgment the Fauns, that are brought out of the woods, ſhould not be too gameſome with their tender ſtrains, as if they were educated in the city, and almoſt at the bar; or, on the other hand, ſhould blunder out their obſcene and ſcandalous ſpeeches. For *as ſuch ſtuff* all are offended, who have an † horſe, a father, or an eſtate: nor will they receive with approbation, or give the laurel crown *to ſuch nonſenſe*, as the purchaſers of parch'd peaſe and nuts are delighted with.

A long ſyllable put after a ſhort one, is termed an iambic, a briſk, lively meaſure: whence alſo it commanded the name of ‡ trimetres to be added to iambics, tho' it yielded ſix beats of time, being ‖ ſimilar to itſelf from firſt to laſt. Not long ago, that it might come ſomewhat ſlower, and with more majeſty to the ear, it obligingly and contentedly admitted into its paternal heritage the ſtedfaſt ſpondees; agreeing however by ſocial league, that it was not to depart from the ſecond and fourth place. But this *kind of meaſure* rarely makes its appearance in the § notable trimetres of Accius, and of Ennius. Such verſe as theirs,

* Davus, Pythias, Simo, *comic characters in* Lucilius, Menander, *and* Terence.

† *The knights, who have a horſe kept at the public expence*; quibus eſt pater, *people of birth, patricians*; *they, who have wealth, and are therefore diſtinguiſhed from knights and patricians.* DACIER.

‡ *Conſiſting of three meaſures.*

‖ *Containing all pure iambics.*

§ *Ironically ſneering at the bobbling numbers of theſe old poets.*

(a) In ſcenam miſſus magno cum pondere verſus,
Aut operæ celeris nimium, curaque carentis,
Aut ignoratæ premit artis crimine turpi.
Non quivis videt immodulata poemata judex:
Et data Romanis venia eſt indigna poetis.
Idcircone vager, ſcribamque licenter? an omnes
Viſuros peccata putem mea; tutus, et intra
Spem veniæ cautus? vitavi denique culpam,
Non laudem merui. vos exemplaria Græca
Nocturna verſate manu, verſate diurna.
(b) At veſtri proavi Plautinos et numeros et
Laudavere ſales; (c) nimium patienter utrumque,
(d) Non dicam ſtulte, mirati; ſi modo ego et vos
Scimus inurbanum lepido ſeponere dicto,
Legitimumque ſonum digitis callemus, et aure.

Ignotum tragicæ genus inveniſſe Camenæ
Dicitur, et (e) plauſtris vexiſſe poemata Theſpis,
Quæ canerent agerentque peruncti fæcibus ora.
Poſt hunc perſonæ pallæque repertor honeſtæ
Æſchylus, et modicis inſtravit pulpita tignis,
Et docuit magnumque loqui, nitique cothurno.
Succeſſit vetus his comœdia, non ſine multa
Laude: ſed in vitium libertas excidit, et vim
Dignam lege regi: lex eſt accepta, chorusque

(a) In ſcenum miſſus, *Marcilius.*
(b) At noſtri proavi.
(c) Nimium patienter utroſque, *Cunn.*
(d) Nec dicam ſtulte.
(e) Plauſtris vexiſſe poemata Theſpis,
Qui canerent, *Bentl.*

Turpiter

brought upon the ſtage with a clumſy weight of ſpondees, either loads the poet with the imputation of being too precipitate and careleſs, or diſgracefully accuſes him of ignorance in his art.

'Tis not every judge that diſcerns inharmonious verſes, and an undeſerved indulgence is *in this caſe* granted to the Roman poets. But ſhall I on this account make excurſions, and write licentiouſly? Or ſhould not I rather ſuppoſe, that all the world are to ſee my faults; ſecure, and cautious *never to err* but within *reaſonable* hopes of being pardoned? *Thus*, tho' perhaps I have merited no praiſe, *at leaſt* I have eſcaped cenſure.

Ye, * *who are deſirous to excel*, turn over the Grecian models by night and by day. But our anceſtors commended both the numbers of Plautus, and his ſtrokes of pleaſantry; too tamely, I will not ſay fooliſhly, admiring each of them; if you and I but know how to diſtinguiſh a coarſe joke from a ſmart repartee, and underſtand the proper cadence by *uſing* our fingers † and ears.

Theſpis is ſaid to have invented a new kind of tragedy, and to have carried his pieces about in carts, which *certain ſtrollers*, who had their faces beſmear'd with lees of wine, ſang and acted. After him Æſchylus, the inventor of the vizard maſk, and decent robe, laid the ſtage over with boards of a tolerable ſize, and taught to ſpeak in a grand *theatrical* tone, and ſtrut in the buſkin. To theſe ſucceeded the ‡ old comedy, not without conſiderable praiſe: but the perſonal freedom *it took* degenerated into exceſs and violence, worthy to be regulated by law: a law was made accordingly, and the chorus, the right *it claim'd* of abuſing

* *This, perhaps, is particularly addreſſed to the* Piſoes.

† *They made uſe of their fingers both to meaſure the quantity of the verſe, and beat time to the muſic.*

‡ *With regard to the various changes and revolutions comedy has undergone, it is diſtinguiſhed into three kinds; the* old, *which was founded upon real facts, and the perſons pointed out by their proper names; the* middle, *where the ſubjects were real, but the names fictitious; the* new, *wherein both the names and the action are imaginary.*

Turpiter obticuit, ſublato jure nocendi.

Nil intentatum noſtri liquere poetæ;
Nec minimum meruere decus, veſtigia Græca
Auſi deſerere, et celebrare domeſtica facta;
Vel qui prætextas, vel qui docuere togatas.
Nec virtute foret clariſve potentius armis,
Quam lingua, Latium, ſi non offenderet unum-
Quemque poetarum limæ labor, et mora. vos, o
Pompilius ſanguis, carmen reprehendite, quod non
Multa dies et multa litura coercuit, atque
(a) Præſectum decies non caſtigavit ad unguem.

Ingenium miſera quia fortunatius arte
Credit, et excludit ſanos Helicone poetas
Democritus; bona pars non ungues ponere curat,
Non barbam: ſecreta petit loca, balnea vitat.
Nanciſcetur enim precium nomenque poetæ,
Si tribus Anticyris caput inſanabile, nunquam
Tonſori Licino commiſerit. o ego lævus,
Qui purgor bilem ſub verni temporis horam!
Non alius faceret meliora poemata: verum
Nil tanti eſt. ergo fungar vice cotis, acutum
Reddere quæ ferrum valet, exſors ipſa ſecandi:
Munus et officium, nil ſcribens ipſe, docebo;
Unde parentur opes; quid alat formetque poetam;
Quid deceat, quid non; quo virtus, quo ferat error.

Scribendi

(a) Perfectum decies ——

* Togatæ. *when uſed alone, ſignifies any theatrical piece, of which the ſubject or plot was taken from a* Roman *ſtory, as* palliatæ *ſignified*

mens characters being taken away, diſgracefully became ſilent.

Our poets have left no ſpecies *of the art* unattempted: nor have thoſe of them merited the leaſt honour, who dared to forſake the footſteps of the Greeks, and celebrated domeſtic facts; whether they have inſtructed us in *tragedy or comedy. Nor would Italy be raiſed higher by valour and feats of arms, than by its language, did not the fatigue and tediouſneſs of uſing the † file diſguſt every one of our poets. Do you, the deſcendants of Pompilius, reject that poem, which many days and many a blot have not ten times ſubdued to the moſt perfect accuracy. Becauſe Democritus believes that genius is more ſucceſsful than wretched art, and excludes from Helicon all poets who are in their ſenſes; a great number of us do not care to part with their nails, nor beard: frequent places of ſolitude, *and* ſhun the baths. For he will acquire, *he thinks*, the eſteem and title of a poet, if he never ſubmits his head, which is not to be cured by even three ‡ Antycras, to ‖ Licinus the barber. What an unlucky fellow am I, who am purged for the ſpleen in ſpring time! *Elſe* no body wou'd compoſe better poems: but the purchaſe is not worth the expence. Therefore I will ſerve inſtead of a whetſtone, which, tho' not able of itſelf to cut, *yet* can make ſteel ſharp: ſo I, who can write no poetry myſelf, will teach the duty and buſineſs *of an author*; whence he may be ſtock'd with rich materials; what improves and forms the poet; what gives a grace, what not; what is the tendency of excellence, and what that of error.

nified the ſame amongſt the Greeks. *But when* prætextæ *is ſet in oppoſition to* togatæ, *the firſt means tragedy, and the ſecond comedy, becauſe the* prætexta *was a robe worn only by the firſt perſons of the commonwealth, but the* toga *was the ordinary habit of the common people.* FRANCIS,

† *Correcting, poliſhing, finiſhing.*

‡ *An iſland in the* Archipelago, *famous for its production of a vaſt quantity of hellebore.* Vid. lib. II. ſat. 3. v. 83.

‖ *A barber and freedman of* Auguſtus, *who made him a ſenator for no other merit it ſhould ſeem, than his deteſtation of* Pompey.

Scribendi recte, ſapere eſt et principium et fons.
Rem tibi Socraticæ poterunt oſtendere chartæ:
Verbaque proviſam rem non invita ſequentur.
Qui didicit patriæ quid debeat, et quid amicis;
Quo fit amore parens, quo frater amandus, et hoſpes;
Quod ſit conſcripti, quod judicis officium; quæ
Partes in bellum miſſi ducis; ille profecto
Reddere perſonæ ſcit convenientia cuique.
Reſpicere exemplar vitæ morumque jubebo
Doctum imitatorem, et (a) vivas hinc ducere voces.
Interdum ſpecioſa locis, morataque recte
Fabula, nullius veneris, ſine pondere et arte,
Valdius oblectat populum, meliuſque moratur,
Quam verſus inopes rerum nugæque canoræ.

Graiis ingenium, Graiis dedit ore rotundo
Muſa loqui, præter laudem nullius avaris.
Romani pueri longis rationibus aſſem
Diſcunt in partes centum diducere. dicat
Filius Albini, ſi de quincunce remota eſt
Uncia, quid ſuperat? poterat dixiſſe—Triens. Eu!
Rem poteris ſervare tuam. redit uncia: quid fit?
Semis. (b) An hæc animos ærugo et cura peculi
Cum ſemel imbuerit, ſperamus carmina fingi
Poſſe linenda cedro, et levi ſervanda cupreſſo?

Aut prodeſſe volunt, aut delectare poetæ;
Aut ſimul et jucunda et idonea dicere vitæ.

(a) Veras hinc ducere voces.
(b) At hæc animos. —

Quidquid

To have * good ſenſe is the firſt principle and fountain of writing well. The † Socratic papers will direct you in the choice of your ſubjects: and words ſpontaneouſly will accompany the ſubject, *when it is* well-conceived. He, who has learned, what he owes to his country, and what to his friends; with what affection a parent, a brother, and a ſtranger are to be loved; what is the duty of a ſenator, what of a judge; what the duties of a general ſent out to war; he, *I ſay*, certainly knows how to give ſuitable attributes to every character. I ſhould direct the learned imitator to have a regard to the mode of nature and manners, and from thence draw his expreſſions to the life. Sometimes a play, that is ſhewy with common places, and where the manners are well marked, tho' of no elegance, without force or art, gives the people much higher delight, and more effectually commands their attention, than verſe void of matter and tuneful trifles.

To the Greeks, covetous of nothing but praiſe, the Muſe gave genius; to the Greeks the power of expreſſing themſelves in round *fluent* periods. The Roman youth learn by long computations to ſubdivide a pound into a hundred parts. Let the ſon of ‡ Albinus tell me, if from five ounces one be ſubſtracted, what remains? He would have ſaid — the third of a pound. — Bravely done! you will be able to take care of your own affairs. An ounce is added: what will that be? Half a pound. When this ſordid ruſt and hankering after wealth hath once tainted their minds, can we expect that ſuch verſes ſhould be made as are worthy || the oil of cedar, and the well-wrought cypreſs?

The poets intend either to profit or delight; or to deliver at once both the pleaſant and neceſſary things of

* *Or, philoſophy, &c.*

† *Having ſaid that good ſenſe is neceſſary, he now tells them where it is to be found: in* Socrates's *philoſophy, that philoſophy which alone enlightens the mind, and teaches ethics better than all the others.*

‡ *An infamous and wealthy uſurer.*

|| *The antients rubbed their books with oil of cedar, and kept them in caſes of cypreſs, as being moſt durable.*

Quidquid præcipies, esto brevis: ut cito dicta
Percipiant animi dociles, teneantque fideles.
(a) Omne supervacuum pleno de pectore manat.
Ficta voluptatis causa, sint proxima veris:
Ne, quodcunque volet, poscat sibi fabula credi:
Neu pransæ Lamiæ vivum puerum extrahat alvo.
Centuriæ seniorum agitant expertia frugis:
Celsi prætereunt austera poemata Rhamnes.
Omne tulit punctum, qui miscuit utile dulci,
Lectorem delectando, pariterque monendo.
Hic meret æra liber Sosiis; hic et mare transit,
Et longum noto scriptori prorogat ævum.

Sunt delicta tamen, quibus ignoviſſe velimus:
Nam neque chorda ſonum reddit quem vult manus et mens,
Poſcentique gravem perſæpe remittit acutum;
Nec ſemper feriet quodcunque minabitur arcus.
Verum ubi plura nitent in carmine, non ego paucis
Offendar maculis, quas aut incuria fudit,
Aut humana parum cavit natura. quid ergo?
Ut ſcriptor ſi peccat idem librarius uſque,
Quamvis eſt monitus, venia caret; ut citharœdus
Ridetur, chorda qui ſemper oberrat eadem:
Sic mihi qui multum ceſſat, fit Chœrilus ille,
Quem bis terve bonum, cum riſu miror; et idem
Indignor, quandoque bonus dormitat Homerus.

(a) Omne ſupervacuum, *etc. delet, Bentl.*

Verum

life. Whatever precepts you give, be conciſe: that docile minds may ſoon comprehend what is ſaid, and faithfully retain it, All ſuperfluous inſtruction runs off from the overflowing memory. Let whatever is imagined for the ſake of entertainment, have as much veriſimilitude as poſſible: let not your play demand belief for whatever *abſurdities* it is inclinable *to exhibit:* nor take out of a * witch's belly a living child, that ſhe had dined upon. The tribes of the ſeniors rail againſt every thing that is void of edification: the exalted knights diſregard poems that are *dry and* auſtere. He who joins inſtruction with the agreeable, carries the † votes of all *mankind*, by delighting, and at the ſame time admoniſhing the reader. This book gets money for the ‡ Soſii; this croſſes the ſea, and continues to its celebrated author a laſting duration.

Yet there are faults which we ſhould be ready to pardon: for neither does the ſtring *always* form the ſound which the hand and conception of *the performer* intends, but very often returns a ſharp note, when he demands a flat; nor will the bow always hit whatever mark it threatens. But when there is a great majority of beauties in a poem, I will not be offended with a few blemiſhes, which either inattention has dropt, or human nature has not ſufficiently provided againſt. What therefore is to *be determined in this matter?* As a tranſcriber, if he ſtill commits the ſame fault, tho' he has been reproved, is without excuſe: as the harper who always blunders on the ſame ſtring, is *ſure to be* laugh'd at: ſo he who is exceſſively deficient becomes another ‖ Chœrilus, whom, when I find him tolerable in two or three places, I wonder at with laughter; and at the ſame time am grieved, whenever honeſt Homer grows drowſy. But 'tis al-

* Horace *undoubtedly alludes to ſome ridiculous poet of his time, who had brought this monſtrous incident into a play.*

† *Literally*, every point; *alluding to the manner of voting at the* Comitia, *by putting a point over the name of every candidate. Hence perhaps the* Engliſh *proverb, to carry one's point.*

‡ *Eminent bookſellers mentioned* Epiſt. lib. 2. 20.

‖ *A ſtupid poet cenſured by* Ariſtotle. Vid. lib. 2. Epiſt. 1.

(b) Verum operi longo fas eſt obrepere ſomnum.

Ut pictura, poeſis: erit quæ, ſi propius ſtes,
Te capiat magis; et quædam, ſi longius abſtes:
Hæc amat obſcurum; volet hæc ſub luce videri,
Judicis argutum quæ non formidat acumen:
Hæc placuit ſemel; hæc decies repetita placebit.

O major juvenum, quamvis et voce paterna
Fingeris ad rectum, et per te ſapis; hoc tibi dictum
Tolle memor: certis medium et tolerabile rebus
Recte concedi: conſultus juris, et actor
Cauſarum mediocris abeſt virtute diſerti
Meſſalæ, nec ſcit quantum Caſſellius Aulus;
Sed tamen in precio eſt: mediocribus eſſe poetis
Non homines, non Di, non conceſſere columnæ.
Ut gratas inter menſas ſymphonia diſcors,
Et craſſum unguentum, et Sardo cum melle papaver
Offendunt; poterat duci quia cœna ſine iſtis:
Sic animis natum inventumque poema juvandis,
Si paulum a ſummo deceſſit, vergit ad imum.

Ludere qui neſcit, campeſtribus abſtinet armis:
Indoctuſque pilæ, diſcive, trochive, quieſcit;
Ne ſpiſſæ riſum tollant impune coronæ:
Qui neſcit, verſus tamen audet fingere. Quid ni?
Liber et ingenuus, præſertim cenſus equeſtrem
Summam nummorum, vitioque remotus ab omni.

(b) Verum opere in longo ——

lowable that ſleep ſhould ſteal upon an author in a long work.

As is painting, ſo is poetry: ſome pieces will ſtrike you more, if you ſtand near; and ſome, if you are at a greater diſtance: one loves the dark; another, which is not afraid of the critic's ſubtile judgment, chuſes to be ſeen in the light; the one has pleaſed once; the other will give pleaſure if ten times repeated.

O eldeſt of the *promiſing* youths, tho' you are framed to a right judgment by your father's inſtructions, and are wiſe in yourſelf; yet take this truth along with you, *and* remember it: that in certain things a medium and tolerable degree of eminence may be admitted: a counſellor and pleader at the bar of the middle rate is far removed from the *diſtinguiſh'd* merit of eloquent Meſſala, nor has ſo much knowledge of the law as Caſſellius Aulus; but yet he is in *ſome* requeſt: *but* a mediocrity in poets, neither Gods, nor men, nor *ev'n* the booksellers ſhops have endured. As at an agreeable entertainment diſcordant muſick, and muddy eſſence, and poppies mix'd with * Sardinian honey, give offence; becauſe the ſupper might have paſſed without them: ſo poetry, created and invented for the delight of our ſouls, if it comes ſhort ever ſo little of the ſummit, ſinks to the bottom.

He, who does not underſtand the games, abſtains from the weapons *uſed* in the Campus Martius: and the unſkilful in the tennis-ball, the quoit, and the † troque, keeps himſelf quiet; leſt the crouded ring ſhould raiſe a laughter at his expence: notwithſtanding this, he who knows nothing of verſes preſumes to compoſe. Why not! He is freeborn and of a good family; above all, he is regiſter'd at an ‡ equeſtrian

* Sardinia *was full of bitter herbs, from whence the honey was bitter. White poppy-ſeed roaſted was mingled with honey by the antients.* NANNIUS.

† Troque—*There were two kinds of diverſions that had this name; one was like the top, and the other like the hoop.*

‡ *In order to intitle a* Roman *to be ranked in the equeſtrian order, he was obliged to prove himſelf worth* 10,000 *crowns.*

ſum.

Tu nihil invita dices faciesve Minerva:
Id tibi judicium est, ea mens. si quid tamen olim
Scripseris, in Metii descendat judicis aures,
Et patris, et nostras; nonumque prematur in annum,
Membranis intus positis. delere licebit
Quod non edideris: nescit vox missa reverti.

Silvestres homines sacer interpresque Deorum
Cædibus et victu fœdo deterruit Orpheus;
Dictus ob hoc lenire tigres rabidosque leones:
Dictus et Amphion, Thebanæ conditor arcis,
Saxa movere sono testudinis, et prece blanda
Ducere quo vellet. fuit hæc sapientia quondam,
Publica privatis secernere, sacra profanis;
Concubitu prohibere vago; dare jura maritis;
Oppida moliri; leges incidere ligno.
Sic honor et nomen divinis vatibus atque
Carminibus venit. post hos insignis Homerus,
Tyrtæusque mares animos in Martia bella
Versibus exacuit. dictæ per carmina sortes,
Et vitæ monstrata via est, et gratia regum
Pieriis tentata modis, ludusque repertus,
Et longorum operum finis: ne forte pudori
Sit tibi Musa lyræ solers, et cantor Apollo.

Natura fieret laudabile carmen, an arte,
Quæsitum est. ego nec studium sine divite vena,
(a) Nec rude quid possit video [illegible]nium; alterius sic
Altera poscit opem res, et con[illegible]t amice.
Qui studet optatam cursu contingere metam,
Multa tulit fecitque puer: sudavit et alsit;

(a) Nec rude quid profit: ——

Abstinuit

ſum, and clear from every vice. You, *I am perſuaded*, will neither ſay nor do any thing in oppoſition to Minerva: ſuch is your judgment, ſuch your diſpoſition. But if ever you ſhall write any thing, let it be ſubmitted to the ears of *Metius *Tarpa*, who is a judge, and your father's, and mine; and let it be ſuppreſs'd till the ninth year, your papers being laid up *ſecurely* within your own cuſtody. You will have it in your power to blot out what you have not made public: *but* a word once ſent abroad can never return.

Orpheus, the prieſt and interpreter of the Gods, *firſt* deterr'd the ſavage race of men from ravages and inhuman diet; hence ſaid to tame tygers and furious lions; Amphion too, the builder of the Theban wall, was ſaid to give the ſtones motion with the ſound of his lyre, and to lead them wherever he wou'd, by engaging perſuaſion. This was deem'd wiſdom of yore, to diſtinguiſh the public from private weal, things ſacred from things profane; to prohibit a promiſcuous commerce between the ſexes; to give laws to married people; to plan out cities; to engrave laws on *tables of* wood. Thus honour accrued to divine poets and their verſes. After theſe, the excellent Homer, and Tyrteus, animated the manly mind to martial atchievments with their verſes. Oracles were delivered in poetry, and the œconomy of life pointed out, and the favour of ſovereign princes was ſolicited in Pierian ſtrains, games were inſtituted, and a *chearful* period put to the tedious labours of the day; *this I remind you of*, leſt haply you ſhould be aſhamed of the lyric Muſe, and Apollo the God of ſong.

It has been made a queſtion, whether good poetry be derived from nature or art. For my part, I can neither conceive what ſtudy can do without a rich natural vein, nor what rude genius can avail of itſelf: ſo much does the one require the aſſiſtance of the other, and ſo amicably do they conſpire *to produce the ſame effect*. He who is induſtrious to reach the wiſh'd-for goal, has done and ſuffer'd much when a boy; he hath ſweated and ſhiver'd with cold; he has abſtained from

* *An excellent critic, mentioned in the 10th ſatire, lib. 1.*

love

(a) Abſtinuit Venere et Baccho: qui Pythia cantat
Tibicen, didicit prius, extimuitque magiſtrum.
(b) Nec ſatis eſt dixiſſe; ego mira poemata pango:
Occupet extremum ſcabies: mihi turpe relinqui eſt,
Et, quod non didici, ſane neſcire fateri.

Ut præco, ad merces turbam qui cogit emendas;
Aſſentatores jubet ad lucrum ire poeta
Dives agris, dives poſitis in fenore nummis.
Si vero eſt, unctum qui recte ponere poſſit,
Et ſpondere levi pro paupere, (c) et eripere atris
Litibus implicitum; mirabor, ſi ſciet inter-
Noſcere mendacem verumque beatus amicum.
Tu ſeu donaris, ſeu quid donare voles cui;
Nolito ad verſus tibi factos ducere plenum
Lætitiæ: clamabit enim, Pulchre, bene, recte;
Palleſcet; ſuper his etiam ſtillabit amicis
Ex oculis rorem; ſaliet; tundet pede terram.
Ut qui conducti plorant in funere, dicunt
Et faciunt prope plura dolentibus ex animo: ſic
Deriſor vero plus laudatore movetur.
Reges dicuntur multis urgere culullis,
Et torquere mero, quem perſpexiſſe laborent,
An ſit amicitia dignus. ſi carmina condes,
Nunquam te fallant animi ſub vulpe latentes.

Quintilio ſi quid recitares, Corrige, ſodes,
Hoc, aiebat, et hoc: melius te poſſe negares,
Bis terque expertum fruſtra; delere jubebat,
(d) Et male tornatos incudi reddere verſus:
Si defendere delictum, quam vertere, malles;
Nullum ultra verbum, aut operam inſumebat inanem,
Quin ſine rivali teque et tua ſolus amares.

(a) Abſtinuit Venere et vino:
(b) Nunc ſatis eſt dixiſſe;
(c) Et eripere arctis, *Bentl.*
(d) Et male ter natos incudi, *Bentl.* formatos, *Cunn.*

love and wine: he who ſings the Pythian ſtrains, firſt was a learner, and in awe of a maſter. But *in poetry* 'tis now enough for a man to ſay of himſelf; "I make "admirable verſes:" a murrain ſeize the hindmoſt: it is ſcandalous for me to be outſtripp'd and fairly to acknowledge that I am ignorant of that which I never learned.

As a crier, who collects the crowd together to buy his goods; ſo a poet rich in land, rich in money put out at intereſt, invites flatterers to come *and praiſe his works* for a reward. But if he be one who is well able to ſet out an elegant table, and give ſecurity for a poor man, and relieve him when entangled in plaguy lawſuits; I ſhall wonder, if with this wealth he can diſtinguiſh a true friend from a falſe one. *For* you, whether you have made, or intend to make, a preſent to any one; do not bring him full of joy directly to your finiſh'd verſes: *for then* he'll *certainly* cry out, Charming, excellent, judicious; he'll turn pale; at ſome parts he will even diſtil the dew from his friendly eyes; he will jump about; will beat the ground *with extaſy*. As thoſe that mourn at funerals for pay, do and ſay more than thoſe that are afflicted from their hearts: ſo the ſham-admirer is *always* more affected than he that praiſes in ſincerity. Certain kings are ſaid to ply with frequent bumpers, and by *the ſtrength of* wine make trial of a man, who they are ſedulous to know, whether he is worthy their friendſhip or not. Thus if you compoſe verſes, let not the * fox's concealed intentions impoſe upon you.

If you had recited any thing to Quintilius, he wou'd ſay, alter, I pray, this and this; if you replied you cou'd do it no better, having made the experiment twice or thrice in vain, he would order you to blot out, and once more apply to the anvil your ill-form'd verſes: if you choſe rather to defend, than correct a fault; he ſpent not a word more, nor laboured in vain, but you alone might be fond of yourſelf, and your own works, without a rival. A good and ſen-

* *Alluding to the well-known fable of the fox and crow.*

Vir bonus et prudens versus reprehendet inertes,
Culpabit duros, incomtis allinet atrum
Transversо calamo signum; ambitiosa recidet
Ornamenta; parum claris lucem dare coget;
Arguet ambigue dictum; mutanda notabit;
Fiet Aristarchus: non dicet, Cur ego amicum
Offendam in nugis? hæ nugæ seria ducent
In mala derisum semel, exceptumque sinistre.

Ut mala quem scabies aut morbus regius urget,
Aut fanaticus error, et iracunda Diana;
Vesanum tetigisse timent fugiuntque poetam,
Qui sapiunt: agitant pueri, incautique sequuntur.
Hic, dum sublimes versus ructatur, et errat,
Si veluti merulis intentus decidit auceps
In puteum, foveamque; licet, Succurrite, longum
Clamet, io cives; non fit qui tollere curat.
(a) Si quis curet opem ferre, et demittere funem;
Qui scis, an prudens (b) huc se projecerit atque
Servari nolit? dicam: Siculique poetæ
Narrabo interitum. Deus immortalis haberi
Dum cupit Empedocles, ardentem frigidus Ætnam
Insiluit. sit jus, liceatque perire poetis.
Invitum qui servat, idem facit occidenti.
Nec semel hoc fecit; nec si retractus erit, jam
Fiet homo, et ponet famosæ mortis amorem.
Nec satis apparet, (c) cur versus factitet; utrum
Minxerit in patrios cineres, an triste bidental

(a) Si quis curret.
(b) Huc se dejecerit?
(c) Versus cur dictitet;

Moverit

ſible man will cenſure ſpiritleſs verſes, he will condemn the traſh, on the incorrect he will draw acroſs a black ſtroke with his pen: he will lop off ambitious *and redundant* ornaments; he will make him throw light on the parts that are not perſpicuous; he'll arraign what is expreſs'd ambiguously; he will mark what ſhould be alter'd; *in ſhort*, he will be an * Ariſtarchus: he will not ſay, why ſhould I give my friend offence about mere trifles? Theſe trifles will lead him into miſchiefs of ſerious conſequence, when once made an object of ridicule, and uſed in a ſiniſter manner.

Like one whom an odious plague or jaundice, fanatic phrenſy, or lunacy diſtreſſes, thoſe who are wiſe avoid a mad poet, and are afraid to touch him: the boys joſtle him, and the incautious purſue him. If, like a fowler intent upon his game, he ſhould fall into a well or ditch while he belches out his fuſtian verſes and roams about, tho' he ſhou'd cry out for a long time, "Come to my aſſiſtance, O my country-"men;" not one wou'd give himſelf the trouble of taking him up. Was any one to take pains to give him aid, and let down a rope; how do you know, but he threw himſelf in thither on purpoſe? I will ſay: and wou'd relate the death of the *famous* Sicilian poet. Empedocles, while he was ambitious of being eſteem'd as an immortal God, in a cold fit leap'd into Ætna. Let poets have the privilege and licence to die *as they pleaſe*. He who ſaves a man againſt his will, does the ſame as killing him. Neither is it the firſt time he has behaved in this manner; nor, was he to be forced from his purpoſes, wou'd he now become a man, and lay aſide his deſire of ſuch a famous death. Neither does it appear ſufficiently, why he makes verſes: whether he has ſtaled upon his father's aſhes,

* Ariſtarchus *was a very great critic who liv'd in the reign of* Ptolemy Philadelphus, *and was cotemporary with* Callimachus: *he wrote above fourſcore volumes of commentaries on* Homer, Ariſtophanes, *and other* Greek *poets: he reviſed and corrected* Homer, *which work is loſt with the reſt of his criticiſms, which were ſo nice and penetrating that he was commonly called the* Diviner, *on account of his great ſagacity.*

Moverit incessus: certe furit, ac velut ursus,
Objectos caveæ valuit si frangere clathros,
Indoctum doctumque fugat recitator acerbus.
Quem vero arripuit, tenet, occiditque legendo; 475
Non missura cutem, nisi plena cruoris, hirudo.

FINIS.

or ſacrilegiouſly removed the ſad trophy of the vindictive thunder: 'tis evident, *however*, that he is mad, and like a bear that has burſt thro' the grates that ſhut up his den, this unmerciful rehearſer chaſes the learned and unlearned. And whomſoever he lays hold on, he faſtens on him, and kills him with reading; a leech that will not quit the ſkin, till ſatiated with blood.

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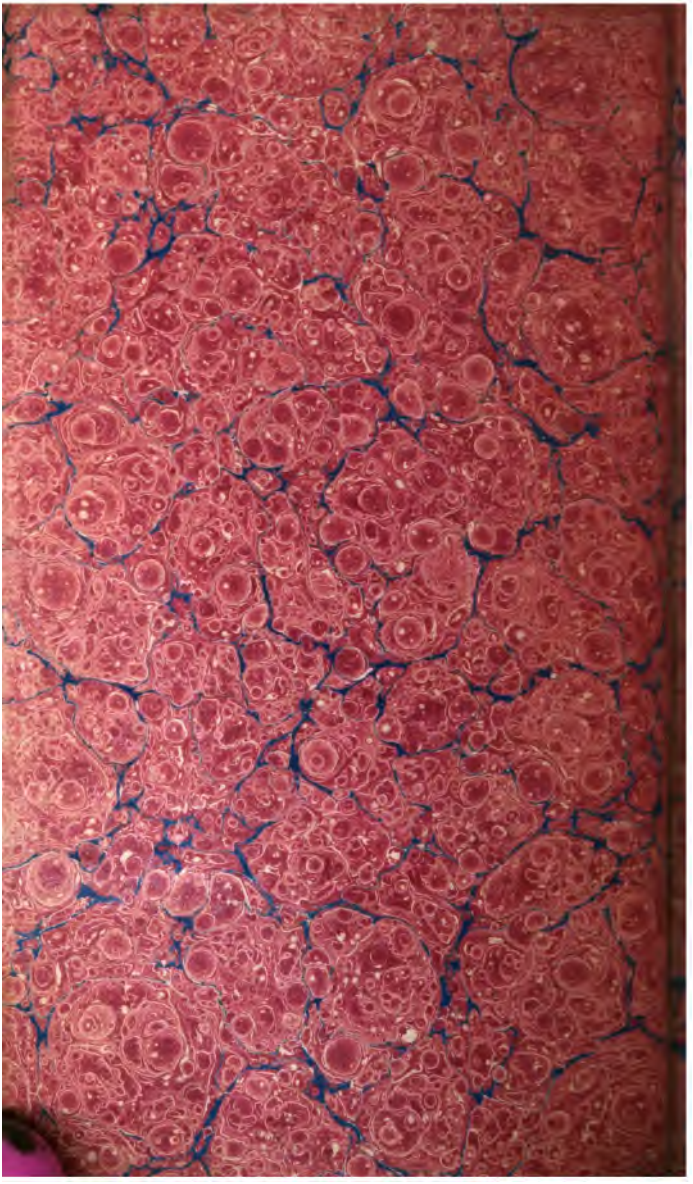

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